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Hizbullah: Deal for Ilya's body possible soon

By DAVID RUDGE

An exchange deal for the remains of naval commando Itamar Ilya could be achieved within the next two weeks, a leading Hizbullah official has said.

The statement followed the release on Friday of two detainees suspected of collaborating with Hizbullah, from the El-Khiyam jail in south Lebanon. The men, both suffering from

health problems, were released. in an apparent goodwill gesture for the upcoming Moslem fasting month of Ramadan.

Omar Ahmed, 40, who has a kidney ailment, had been detained for more than 10 years, and Shawki Nasrallah, 38, who. was held for five months, were handed over to the International Red Cross and taken to a hospital in the port city of Sidon.

Nasrallah, apparently no rela-tion to Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, was said to suffer from severe migraine

Hizbullah official Abdallah Kassir was quoted by news agencies after the release as saying that an exchange deal was - been agreed.

imminent and could be reached

within two weeks. His comments followed reports last week that progress had been made in negotiations for a swap that would lead to the return of Ilya's remains.

Eleven navai commandos and an IDF doctor were killed in an abortive raid near Ansariya village between Tyre and Sidon in September, in which Ilya's body was not recovered. Since the incident, Israel has been negotiating with Lebanon through third parties, primarily the Red Cross, to secure Ilya's remains.

. Israel is holding the remains of several Lebanese gunmen, including the body of Hadi Nasrallah, son of the Hizbullah leader, who was killed in a clash with IDF troops in south Lebanon, also in September.

Hizbullah is seeking the release of Lebanese held in Israel and the security zone, as well as bodies of gunmen, in return for Ilya's remains.

According to Israeli officials, progress has been made in negotiations for an exchange deal. -although the price has not yet

Health officials expect NIS150m. drug allocation

By JUDY STEGEL

Senior Health Ministry officials were last night "very tense but guardetly optimistic" that the cabinet this morning would approve the allocation of NIS 150 million to include 14 vital drugs in the basket of health services covered by the National Health Insurance Law.

Prime Minister Binyamin Neunyahu and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza spoke by telephone twice on Friday; the premier promised Matza that money for the life-saving medications for patients with cancer, AIDS, diabetes and other chronic diseases - would be found.

However, ministry officials are concerned that the Treasury will try to evade allocatiog cxtra money by demanding that the amount be deducted from the ministry's regular budget for hospitals and other services, or from the health funds.

Ministry officials are also anxious about finding funds to cover a NIS 1.3 billion health system deficit. Either the Finance Ministry will fill this gap using the report

difference between the cost of the basket of health services and income from the health tax, or the public may have to be charged to cover the costs.

Matza said he will insist that money for the vital drugs be discussed as a first item on the agenda, before any debate about the proposed withdrawal in the territories. He said he would also try to push for a discussion of the health budget deficit.

The Finance Ministry said the cabinet should be aware that any excess spending could mean that the government would not meet its 1998 budget deficit target of NIS 2.3 billion.

The health funds should cut elsewhere if extra money is put toward medicines, said Estie Appelbaum, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's media adviser. The Knesset will vote on the

entire budget package by December 31. The Finance Ministry and Prime Minister's Office are keen to ensure a tight rein is kept on fiscal policy.

David Harris contributed to this

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completed by then. In an intensive effort to nudge the Israeli and Palestinian sides toward an early agreement on the territorial issue, US Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's proposed map not only includes two security zones one along the Jordan River and one along the Green Line - but also a new axis road from Arad through Ma'aleh Adumim and along the Allon Route northward to the Beit Sh'ean Valley.

This strategic passageway, to be called Highway 80, which traverses the hilliops overlooking the Jordan Valley, would be includedin a 20-km, wide security zone. Sharon also will demand that Israel retain control of the West Bank's water sources.

map for the cabinet's consideration, based on topographical and strategic evaluations made at the General Staff level.

Sharon made a helicopter tour of the Judean Desert in for a hird'seye view of redeployment possibilities. Accompanying the two ministers were Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, OC

Mordechai, Sharon to present separate pullback outlines

By JAY BUSHINSKY, ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

The cabinet is to consider two proposed maps of the IDF's next West Bank redeployment, as well as a set of conditions for implementing it, at a day-long meeting today aimed at giving Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu geographical guidelines for pre-sentation to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

But Netanyahu, who is scheduled to meet Albright in Paris on Thursday, will not be able to display a map representing a cabinet consensus on a further redeployment, sources said.

Presidents' Conference sends letter to Clinton,

Despite the seven hours allocated to the cabinet session and the possibility of a follow-up before his departure for Europe on Wednesday, they see little chance the demarcation process will be

conferred separately yesterday with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat as well as with several cabinet members.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will submit a separate

On Friday, Mordechai and

Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai, and other officials, including the director-general of the Public Works Department. Mordechai's spokesman Avi Benayahu said that Mordechai is

to present the cabinet today with various second-redeployment options, which have been worked and reworked by the IDF and defense establishment.

According to Benayahu, two maps have been prepared: one drawing military red lines and the other focusing on "national inter-

He dismissed reports on Israel Radio on Friday that said the defense minister was proposing a 13 percent withdrawal.

The defense establishment has prepared a number of options for the second withdrawal, but none of them are as large as 13%, Benayahu said.

The Nanonal Religious Party ministers were instructed by their Knesset faction to make the IDF withdrawal hinge on the PA's fulfillment of a detailed list of prior commitments. They will seek a cabinet vote on a draft resolution to this effect.

It states that as long as the PA does not start implementing these measures, "above all, the extradition of murderers and terrorists, the government will not make any decision about the scope or timing of the next IDF pullback.

With reference to a final-status agreement with the PA, the NRP resolution stipulates that the Palestinians be granted "self rule," but not statehood, and with no "right of return" for Arab refugees west of the Jordan River. It also calls for exclusive Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem as well as sovereignty over the Etzion Bloc, the Ma'aleh Adumim region, Givat Ze ev, and Betar.

Another NRP condition is an end to PLO activity in Jerusalem and closure of its institutions in

Indyk engaged in a brief debate with Arafat after his meeting with him in Gaza. The Palestinian leader triggered it by saying, There is continuous pressure from the American side and that Albright's meetings [with Netanyahu and him] last week

were "part of this pressure."

To this, Indyk retorted: Pressure is not a word that is in the American vocabulary. We are seeking to encourage both sides."

The assistant secretary also mer with Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky at breakfast and conferred afterward with Sharon. Government officials observed that Indyk's apparent role of a "lobbyist" left some room for dis-

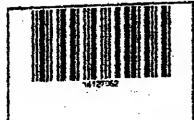
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Iraq executes hundreds in 'prison cleaning campaign'

By JAY BUSHERSKY

A wave of executions in Irac has reportedly taken the lives of more than 800 political prisoners, according to information transmitted by the Iraqi Broadcasting Corporation from its base in the northern city of Arbil, in the country's UN-con-

trolled sector. "The death toll is expected to increase as the executions are still



continuing," the broadcast said. Among those said to have been put to death ar the express orders of President Saddam Hussem's son, Qusay, were 30 members of the Iraqi National Congress, the

main opposition group. The executions were said to be part of a "prison cleaning campaign initiated by Qusay as head of Iraq's Special Security

Organization. Those killed in the Abu Ghraib prison were shot and those put to death at Radwaniyah prison near Baghdad were electrocuted, the

IBC said. It linked the executions to the crisis over renewed activity of the UN inspection team searching for unconventional weapons

Observers note that Saddam increases repression when he feels parts.

triumphant, implying that the Iraqi leader believes he has gained the upper hand in the confrontation with the US and Great Britain.

and build a third temple.

included this passage:

and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Government officials are concerned about

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's alle-

gations that Israel plans to remove al-Aksa Mosque

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's director of

communications, David Bar-Illan, cited excerpts of

Arafat's speech to the Islamic summit in Teheran last

week that he considered particularly offensive. They

I am ringing the bell of danger to warn against the

Jewish plan to build the Temple of Solomon in the

In a statement issued in the northern Iraqi city of Sulaymainia, the Iraqi National Congress said it has "an initial list of 154 names of those executed."

Reuters adds: Jordan's King Hussein on Friday attacked Iraq for hanging four of his citizens last week, a move which pushed Amman to retaliate by reducing Baghdad's diplomatic presence in the country.

This is a vile crime," state television showed Hussein saying, in the first public remarks since Iraq soured relations with its neighbor by hanging the four Jordanians last Monday for smuggling car

Netanyahu cancels 'Yediot' subscription

removing the mosque."

Christian and world city."

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat (left) walks with US Assistant Secretary of State

Martin Indyk after their meeting at Arafat's Gaza office yesterday. Their talk was in preparation

for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's separate meetings planned for this week with Arafat

Arafat accuses Israel of

planning to remove al-Aksa

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu canceled his subscription to Yediot Aharonor over the weekend, following a report on his wife Sara in its Friday edition. charging that she abuses her staff

and interferes in his work. Netanyahu sent a sharp lener of protest to Yedior publisher Arnon Mozes and editor Alon Shalev, saying the report "crossed all lines of decency, humanity, and morality."

"In general, I have kept silent about the repeated attacks on my family in the last year and a half, but this evil assault is unprecedented. Its aim is to destroy her respect as a human being through character assassination," Netanyahu wrote.

He concluded: "Now I have to take the most basic step available to a citizen in a democratic society. I hereby announce the cancelation of my subscription to Yedior

place where today stands al-Aksa Mosque, after

Arafat repeatedly deplored "the danger of invasive

He declared that peace will not be achieved without

"occupied Jerusalem being returned to its legitimate

owners as capital of an independent Palestinian

state." The PA chairman justified this on the grounds

that Jerusalem is "a Palestinian, Arab, Moslem,

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Judaization" which, he said, aims at eliminating

Jerusalem's Islamic and Arab identity.

Yediot stood by its report, saying in response: "We regret the prime minister chose not to relate substantively in his letter to the facts that were revealed in the Yedior Aharonor investigation."

The statement said that the report dealt with "Mrs. Netanyahu's conduct in the public arena, the unaudited expenditure of public funds, and the inappropriate behavior towards state employees."

It added that the report had been published after a thorough investigation of the facts, "which up until now have not been denied by Mrs. Netanyahu or a member of her office."

For her part, Sara Neianyahu said Friday that there has been an outpouring of support for her fol-

lowing the Yedioi article. She came out of her home and spoke to reporters as she greeted a man and his two daughters who



Sara Netanyahu

came carrying a sign of support. Netanyahu told a television crew that she had received "a thousand responses, and I want to thank everyone through these two lovely girls." She then hugged the girls. In its report, Yedior said Sara Netanyahu operated her own

bureau using public funds, mis-

treated her staff, once threatened to call the police on her husband. and ordered bodyguards to clean up her children's spilled food.

It quoted housekeeper Rachel Ya'acov, who worked for years in the homes of Israeli premiers, as saying Sara Netanyahu was a difficult boss who had once thrown newly polished shoes at her. claiming she had ruined them.

The paper also said Netanyahu takes whatever gifts she can and that once, troubled by security considerations preventing her accepting a boule of wine, she suggested her staffers taste the wine to make sure it wasn't poi-

soned. Fediot said Netanyahu had not only alienated her husband's old friends, but his daughter by his first marriage as well. Two years ago, she asked his daughter, Noa, not to call him "Dad" in from of her sons, because "they don't know they have a sister."

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US defense secretary apologizes for canceling trip

US Secretary of Defense William Cohen phoned his Israeli counterpart Yitzhak Mordechai over the weekend to apologize for canceling his visit to Israel scheduled for this week, but said a new date would be set soon. Cohen was also to have visited

Egypt and Jordan on his trip. Cohen blamed the postponement on tensions with Iraq, as well as options his office must prepare by this week on US troops in Bosnia. Mordechai gave Cohen his impressions of his recent visit to Ankara and his talks with the Turkish political leadership and military echelon, the statement said.

Farrakhan asked to retract antisemitic remarks

A Foreign Ministry's decision on a projected visit to Israel by Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam in the US, will depend on whether he retracts offensive statements he has made about Israel and the Jewish people.

"He is being asked to make a clear and unequivocal statement against terrorism perpetrated in the name of Islam," ministry spokesman Aviv Shir-On added yesterday.

A message to this effect was sent to Farrakhan's representatives who have been in touch about his plan to visit next month. Farrakhan has been on a two-month world tour. Jay Bushinsky

US rabbis support Neeman Commission

An informal group of 18 Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox rabbis, scholars and lay people in New York has come out in support of the Neeman Commission, saying it hopes the commission can avert an "irrevocable split" within

However, the group does not include the leadership of the American Conservative and Orthodox communities. The Orthodox are represented by Shvil Hazahav, a group of Orthodox rabbis that was formed several years ago to urge a dialogue on the Oslo Accords. Those rabbis subsequently found themselves vilified within their own community. Marityn Henry

Two Hamas activists escape from Gaza jail

Two Hamas activists serving life sentences escaped last week from a jail in Gaza.

Hatem Abu Wadi and Khalil Sakani, member of Izzadin Kassam, Hamas's military wing, were convicted by the Palestinian Authority Security Court of killing a Palestinian

The Abu Wadi and Sakani families claim their sons were being held in solitary confinement as punishment for a previous escape attempt. The families' homes were raided after the escape and

Jerusalem police prevent PFLP gathering

Jerusalem police yesterday closed the Hakawati theater in eastern Jerusalem to prevent a festival organized by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to celebrate its 30 anniversary, Police surrounded the theater and prevented Arabs from

infiltrator from Egypt falls to death during chase

An infiltrator from Egypt fell 80 meters off a cliff and and died while being chased by IDF troops on Thursday night, officials said yesterday.

The soldiers gave chase after detecting footprints near the

Ramon air base in the Negev, adjacent to the border with Egypt.

The man was one of five infiltrators; the others were caught with 58 kilos of marijuana.

The four, aged 22 to 30, were remanded for 10 days by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court on Friday, pending expulsion. Itim

Four dead, 12 injured in road accidents

Three people died yesterday in road accidents in Galilee and a dent on Thursday. Mohammed Jubrin, 41, was killed in a headon collision that occurred near Shfaram when a van skidded on a wet road. Five other people were injured.

Two women were killed in another head-on collision near the Ilabun junction in lower Galilee. Three people were injured in

Albert Vershavsky, 15 from Ashkelon died of serious head injuries he sustained after being struck by a car while he was riding a bicycle Thursday.

Four other people were injured yesterday in a collision near the Ashkelon beach.

Accused in death of HU president remanded

Haim Nagar, who is charged with negligent homicide in the deaths of late Hebrew University president Yoram Ben-Porat, his wife and his son in a collision on the Arava road in October 1992, was remanded on Friday for three days by the Beersheba

Nagar arrived the same day from the US, from where he was extradited after fleeing during his trial in 1994.

Hollywood Jewish cemetery saved from closure

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - In a cliffhanger worthy of any western, Olam Cemetery in Hollywood has been rescued from oblivion at the last moment.

Known as the last resting place of many of Hollywood's famous and infamous, the cemetery holds the graves of actors Paul Muni and Peter Lorre, the multi-voiced Mel Blanc, producers Harry Cohn and Jesse Lasky, composer Erich Wolfgang Korngold, and mobster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel.
Beth Olam is the Jewish section

of Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery, which has been in bankruptcy for 18 months and until last week faced the real possibility of being padlocked and

The University of

Bankruptcy trustees bad been fruitlessly seeking a buyer for over a year and were ready to close down the place, when at the last second Callanan Mortuary offered to pay \$375,000 for the memorial park and promised to refurbish the badly neglected grounds.

Buried in the general section of the memorial park are Rudolph Valentino, Cecil B. DeMille, Douglas Fairbanks Sr., Tyrone Power, and John Huston.

The turnaround comes as a great relief to the city's Jews, who feared they might be prevented from visiting and tending some 20,000 graves in Beth Olam, while others faced the loss of prepaid burial plots, crypts, and mau-

California, Davis, joins the family and friends of Professor Deborah Delmer in mourning the loss of her husband



Professor Yoash Vaadia

a distinguished member of the international scientific community

IDF kills Hizbullah gunman

By DAVID RUDGE

At least one Hizbullah gunman was killed and a number of others were wounded by IDF troops operating north of the security zone in the early hours of Friday morning, the IDF Spokesman

It was one of the few publicized initiated operations by IDF troops north of the zone since the abortive naval commando raid in September in which 12 soldiers

There were no IDF casualties in

Friday's operation in the Jabal Rafiah region.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine praised the soldiers involved following their debriefing.
The Hizbullah gunmen were

apparently trying to infiltrate the zone to attack IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the Soujud region, in the northeastern sector, or to plant mines or explosive devices in the area.

Hizbullah issued a statement in Beirut saying that one of its veteran fighters, Mahmud Hussein

"Zionist enemy" on Friday. The statement said Burji had joined Hizbullah in 1989 and had been involved in many operational

In other incidents, gunmen fired mortars and light weapons at IDF and SLA positions in the western and eastern sectors of the security zone over the weekend. There were no casualties and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Meanwhile, UNIFIL has put a permanent guard on an outpost it is constructing near Yatar village

Burji, had been killed fighting the north of the zone. The guards were brought in after an explosion blasted the partially completed compound last Thursday, causing damage but no injuries.

Local security sources in Lebanon said it appears Hizbullah was responsible for blowing up the compound, because it does not want a UN observation post in the

UNIFIL lodged a complaint with the Lebanese authorities over what it described as a criminal act and said construction of the post would go ahead as planned.



Disputed arrest

An IDF officer (right) speaks with two Israelis arrested by the Palestinian Police for entering the part of Hebron under Palestinian Authority control, shortly after they were released to the IDF on Friday afternoon. The IDF has lodged a complaint over the incident, saying the Oslo Accords do not permit the PA to arrest Israelis.

Bishop arrested for forgery

By HAIN SHAPTRO

Police at the Alienby Bridge yesterday arrested Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem Samir Kafity for allegedly forging an exit per-

Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the Coordinator of Government Activities in the West Bank and Gaza, said the bishop was stopped at the border upon returning from Jordan with a crudely forged permit. Dror said that Kafity's photograph had been pasted in and his name inserted in place of that of the person to whom the permit

"There are many cases in which we make exceptions and go out of our way for those in genuinely urgent cases, but this was a case of clear forgery and we see it as very serious," Dror said.
Other sources said Kafity had

been interrogated at the border and that he had admitted the forgery, but said it had been carried out by his driver. He was later released on his own cognizance, the sources said.

Kafity is the joint head of the Anglican Church in the Holy Land and Jordan, together with elected Bishop Riah Abu Assal. The exit permit is that required of all Jerusalem residents who do not have Israeli citizenship.

Uri Mor, director of the Religious Affairs Ministry department for Christian communities, said that Kafity had appealed for Mor's intervention to obtain the required permit last week, when Interior Ministry officials had been on strike, in order to go to Armenia, where he had been invited by the Armenian Church.

Mor said that he had attempted to find an official to issue the permit, but had been unable to do so because Kafity had been due to

Presidents' Conference tells Clinton PA should live up to its commitments

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - After weeks of public silence, the Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organizations has weighed in on the Middle East peace process, with a letter to President Bill Climon that skirts the fundamental question of American pressure on Israel.

The letter was released at week's end as the weekly newspaper Forward announced in an editorial that "the conference collapses" and reported that "doves" in the American Jewish leadership were declaring

Meanwhile, an ad by the "Committee for the Preservation of the Land of Israel" referred to Clinton as the "preferred candidate" of the PLO and Hamas.

The Presidents' Conference told Clinton that it "share[s] your commitment to pursuing a just, secure and lasting peace between Israel and all her neighbors through direct negotiations." The letter also acknowledged that the US has a central role as a facilitator and mediator.

Paleshifian Authority."

The Presidents Conference is an unwieldy umbrella agency of 55 national unwieldy umbrella agency of 55 national.

However, alluding to dissent between Jerusalem and Washington without identifying it, the Presidents' Conference said: "The history of past negotiations shows that the prospects for success are greatest when the US and Israel work in concert...

"Anything that diminishes or appears to detract from a strong and unambiguous mutual US-Israel alliance is counterproductive to the goals the two countries share. Differences between the two governments should be dealt with directly and not in the public arena," said the letter, which was signed by Chairman Mel Salberg and Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive director.

Both Israelis and Palestinians are required to live up to their commitments," the letter said. "Israel should not be expected to make new concessions while prior commitments are not bonored by the

Jewish organizations whose ideologies range from Americans for Peace Now to the Zionist Organization of America. Although these groups share general sentiments about peace and security, they are at loggerheads over the details. These keen divisions within the conference have undermined its ability to hone an anthoritative and functional

In addition, the conference has been effectively challenged by dovish non-members, such as the Israel Policy Forum, which was formed to support the peace process shortly after the 1993 Israel-PLO meeting at White House.

IPF is not a membership organization that represents American Jews, but a small group of well-heeled liberals - many of whom are benefactors of the Democratic Party - with greater access to Clinton than the Presidents' Conference. The Presidents' Conference letter also

was intended to assuage some members who were frustrated that the conference did not complain last month when Clinton did not meet Prime Minister Binyamin "Doves Declaring Victory Within

Leadership as Clinton Presses Bibi; Jacoby Jubilant," the Forward reported, referring to Jonathan Jacoby, the head of IPF. -

In its editorial, the Forward objected to the pressure on Netanyahu.

"There's no reason whatsoever for Mr. Netanyahu to rush things just because a secretary of state [Madeleine Albright] with a strong case of moral equivalency comes

down with ants in her pants."
"On his worst day," the Forward said,
Netanyahu still has a democratic mandate by virtue of free elections - "more of a democratic mandate than any of the Jewish leaders caviling within the conference."

Man's Moslem and Jewish widows compromise on burial

King Solomon couldn't have

one Moslem - wbo had been fighting in court over who would bury their shared husband, decid-

ed on a compromise Friday. Shuakat Kuza, a Moslem who converted to Judaism and back to Islam, will be buried in the Moslem section - but near the lewish side - of a cemetery in Haifa where his Jewish widow

There will be two separate burial ceremonies, one Jewish and one Moslem, Channel 2 reported.

ZURICH (Reuters) - Swiss

banks should not simply pay mil-

lions of dollars to settle Jewish

groups' demands, but would be

interested in a deal that has Israeli

and US government approval, the

chief executive of Union Bank of

"I am not in favor of the idea

that Swiss banks simply pull some

money out of the bag and do

However, he said, he was ready

to seek a constructive solution if it

settled all claims and was

endorsed by the Israeli and US

Senior Swiss bankers are to

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Switzerland said yesterday.

something quickly,"

governments.

Cabiallavetta of UBS said.

today

Kuza had converted to Judaism High Court of Justice. in 1994, taken a Hebrew name, and married his Jewish partner of 30 years, with wbom he had three children. But three days after he married her in November 1995, he went to an Islamic court in Hebron, converted back to Islam, and married a Moslem woman, without ever divorcing his Jewish wife. Moslems are allowed to

marry up to four women. After Kuza died recently of heart failure, each wife demanded to be allowed to bury him according to her religion and on Thursday took the case to the

Swiss banker: Settlement

must satisfy Israel, US

Undersecretary of State Stuart

deal before Switzerland thorough-

ly reviews its World War II past,

this clearly. I don't want to see us

do something quickly and then in

10 years time have people say jus-

tice was again not done in Switzerland," said Cabiallavetta,

who will become the head of the

world's second-biggest bank if

UBS merges next year with Swiss

World Jewish Congress

President Edgar Bronfman has

called for a payment of more

than \$1 billion to settle all

Bank Corporation.

Cabiallavetta told Swiss Radio.

It would be a mistake to strike a

"We have to come to grips with

Eizenstat to discuss the issue.

Justices Mishael Cheshin,

Yitzhak Zamir, and Dorit Beinisch gave the sides until Tuesday to reach a compromise before handing down their own ruling on the case, but Channel 2 said the women reached agreement on

Until burial arrangements are finalized, the justices ordered Kuza's body - which had been kept for over a week in the morgue of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital - to be transferred to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir.

Holocaust claims against

Switzerland, including class-action lawsuits filed in federal

court in New York against Swiss

However, lawyers representing

the claimants have said that the

WJC is not authorized to make a

settlement on their behalf. The

suits are seeking at least \$20b. in

"A billion or 500 million [dol-

"The problem must be solved so

that the Jewish population around

the world is satisfied and says:

'Yon Swiss have now done what you were obliged to and done what is right."

lars] does not solve the problem."

damages.

Cabiallavetta said.

They contended that "there is

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resentment in political circles" over the fact that he is "constantly present" at a time when the government's decision-making process is taking place.
Indyk is scheduled to meet

Netanyahn and Foreign Minister David Levy before he leaves for the next stops on his current regional tour. Jordan, Syria, and possibly Lebanon. Albright is to meet Netanyahu in

Paris and Arafat in London on Thursday, the State Department said yesterday. Spokesman James Rubin announced in Cape Town that Albright would attempt to narrow

differences and "continue to try tofind the best way to put the peace process back on track." After his meeting with Albright, Netanyahu's tentative and as-yet unconfirmed schedule calls for a stop in Luxembourg for talks with

its foreign minister, Jacques Poos. Interviewed on John McLaughlin's One on One television program in the US. National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said the US sees the peace process "at a critical moment" now and wants both Netanyahu and Arafat "to take

the steps that are necessary to get a

serious negotiation going again."

He reiterated that the US wants the cabinet to offer a "significant," credible" redeployment so it "will enable the Palestinians to come back into negotiations. "And at the same time, the Palestinian Authority needs to be very clear and very convincing in the fact that it is doing all that it can to deal

with cracking down on terrorism. "The important thing here is for the parties themselves to realize that time is not on our side here,"

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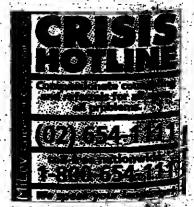
He contended that "the Zionists" have committed hundreds of millions of dollars to Judaize the city and perpetuate it as Israel's eternal capital.

Arafat also referred to the opening of an exit to the Western Wall Tunnel in 1996 and the subsequent "anger of the Arab and Islamic nations and of the whole world."
He said this was in addition to
"plans to settle" Ras al-Amud and Har Homa. These projects, Arafat went on, are "aimed at isolating Jerusalem from its Palestinian hinterland and building a replacement city for Bethlehem, which is preparing its 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Our Lord Jesus."

Arafat also called for an end to "the oppressive siege on our sister Iraq" and for the removal of sanctions against Libya and Sudan.

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NEWS

in brief

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz on Friday promised the 320 striking workers of the Kitan textile plant in Upper Nazareth that the labor federation would pay their salaries as long as their

Peretz, who are Shabbat dinner with the workers and their fami-

lies accompanied by Upper Nazareth Mayor Menahem Ariav, told them the wages would be paid from the Histadrul strike fund.

Peretz also told the workers he would introduce a hill to the

Kahalani telis Vanunu: You're still a threat

in solitary confinement, aide Rafi Levy confirmed Friday.

In an angry meeting at Ashkelon Prisoo last week, Internal

Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told nuclear spy Mordechai

Vanunu he still poses a threat to state security and would remain

Vanunu, who spilled Israel's nuclear secrets in 1986, is serving

According to Ma' ariv, during a tour of the prison, Kahalani

told Vanunu: "I fought on the battlefront to project you - and you

Vanunu, 43, asked to be placed in a cell with Palestinian security prisoners, a request Kahalani turned down.

AP

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein is to travel to Russia tomor-

row for five days, during which time he will sign a cooperation

Edelstein is also to hold talks regarding tourism from Russia

expected in 2000, and plans to meet with the mayor of Moscow

and Russian church officials on this matter. He is to also meet

The struggle for control of the Society for the Protection of

and elections oext month. Last week, a group of veteran mem-

bers announced the establishment of a group called "The Friends of the SPNI," beaded by SPNI Chairman of the Board

It declared one of its aims is to thwart a takeover by the break-

away SPNI Reconnaissance Groups, led by Israel Bar Association

The reconnaissance groups have accused the current executive

of the SPNI of neglecting educational efforts while the executive

accuses Hoter-Yishai of being involved in lucrative land development projects, SPNI director-general Eytan Gadalyzon said over the weekend that Hoter-Ishai wants control of the group as a way

of preventing SPNI objections to the projects. Hoter-Yishai reject-

ed the charge and said there is no conflict of interests involved.

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and have 00,00 written where the month and day should appear,

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to allow them to have the additional information entered, Interior

Minister Eliahu Suissa announced last week. Aryeh Dean Cohen

World Radio Network's English-language service, WRN1, will

begin nightly broadcasts in the Middle East tomorrow on 954 on

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Nature in Israel is heating up prior to its general annual meeting

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Knesset today that would require employers to announce factory closings half a year in advance. Ariav called for a boycott of

Histadrut to pay striking Kitan workers

struggle to keep the plant open continues.

an 18-year sentence for treason.

Edelstein traveling to Russia

agreement with the Russian immigration service.

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Yishai praises Pollard for 'divine devotion'

BY LIAT COLLENS and news agencies

In a letter to Jonathan Pollard puhlished Friday, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai praised the convicted spy for. working with "divine devotion"

for Israel's security.
Yishai sent the letter through Communications Minister Limor-Livnat, who plans to visit Pollard on Tuesday as part of a new cam-

paign to win his release.

You deserve to be pardoned, to immigrate to Israel, the beloved land whose security you worked for with with such divine devotion," Yishai wrote, according to a

ministry statement. Yishai said the government should "do all that is possible so that you will see the light of the sun, feel the freedom and come to Israel." Pollard, a former US naval analyst, is serving a life sentence for passing US military secrets to Israel in the mid-1980s. In October, Pollard, who received Israeli citizenship in July 1996, petitioned the High Court of Justice to force the government to take responsibility for his espionage and recognize him as an agent of the state. The

court has not yet ruled. Pollard has complained that Israel abandoned him and that Israeli leaders have not bonored promises to push for his release. Israel has maintained that Pollard passed secret US military documents to

Israel without official sanction. US President Bill Clinton rejected a clemency plea by Pollard in

Under pressure

A few days before his expected

meeting with US Secretary of

State Madeleine Albright, who

aims to get a commitment on the

scope of the concessions that

Israel is willing to make to the

Palestinians, Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu is under

pressure both from without and from within. The Hebrew press

analyzed the forces working on

Yediot Aharonot's Orly Azulai-

Katz writes that the Clinton gov-

ernment has done extensive

research regarding the American

Netanyahu should be pressured

into implementing the Oslo agree-

According to a poll conducted

by the Democratic Party, more

than 60% of the Jews support

pressing Netanyahn into making

the concessions.
"Clinton and Vice President Al Gore need the Jews and that is one of the reasons that they decid-

There is no doubt that the

source of the American pressure lies in the government's feeling

that there are some Israeli minis-

ters who tend to agree to a big

'redeployment', writes Hattofeh's B.S. Noga, who adds that the government should not feel it is forced

to comply because eventually, the

Americans will learn to accept any

... The relationship with the two

women io his life are not what

they seem," writes Ha'aretz's

Yoel Marcus, referring to both

Sara Netanyahu and Albright.

Marcus addresses Yediot
Aharonot's article on the caprice

of the first lady and the growing pressure of the secretary of state for a generous redeployment. "Whether Sara's behavior and whims damage Bibi's functioning as a priore minister, only he can

answer, but the influence of the other woman on him personally, on his functioning and on the

ed to continue this policy.

Israeli decision.

opinion on whether

Netanyahu.

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1996, citing the enormity of his crime, his lack of remorse, and the damage be caused to US security. Ha aretz questioned Friday why oo attempt has been made to swap an Israeli convicted of spying for the US in the 1980s for Pollard.

Former IDF Intelligence major Yosef Amit was arrested in 1986 and admitted he provided the CIA with classified military documents. Amit was convicted in April 1987 and sentenced to 12 years in jail, Ha'aret; said, and confirmed foreign reports that he

had been released in 1995. Following the report, Labor MK Ophir Pines yesterday demanded the government reach an agreement for the release of Pollard. Amit was arrested in March 1986, four months after Pollard's arrest in the US. Pines said that former prime ministers Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres, who were in power at the time but did not demand a prisoner exchange, "have questions to answer and explanations to make concerning

their strange behavior in this case." Pines said the Netanyahu government has a chance to rectify the mistakes of its predecessors. "It must insist on the principle of reciprocity in its relationship with the US. It must demand Pollard be

released immediately," said Pines.
The US cannot continue to relate to Pollard as a dangerous criminal who cannot be released, when today everybody knows that at the same time that Pollard operated and was caught, the US was not averse to dealing in espionage on Israel."



Palestinian youths wave flags during a rally in the Gaza Strip on Friday marking the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

By ORLY AHAROM

The rule of every bureaucrat and politician says: Always begin the budget cut in the most painful place in order to avoid the whole cut," writes Ha'aretz's Nehemia

He was referring to the health funds' claims that it cannot supply drugs to children with cancer. He adds that the health funds want to give the faulty impression that despite their attempts at

have remained with no finance "... The health funds have no interest in becoming efficient or

thriftiness and efficiency, they

Lone wolf The Labor Party convention opened the door to attacks on party leader Ehud Barak, and the

press ponders the reasons. In her article, "The Big Democtator," Ma'arty's Sima

Kadmon writes that although Barak's intentions are good, somehow he manages to miss the target. "Inside this sophisticated, cautious and suspicious man, hides an

inexperienced man," she claims, adding that "even for a person who learns as fast as he does, inside the political system it is difficult to anticipate every response." Kadmon writes that within the party there is a "wish to shake him, not to rebel against him."

According to Ha'aretz's Lily Galili, Barak gives the party the impression that he needs no one, "and therefore threatens their future." She adds that "in his growing loneliness, he reminds peo more and more of Bibi Netanyahu."

Hatzofeh's Moshe Ishon states that "there is no barrier that eliminates Barak's motivation to reach the top, but until now, be has not managed to take off," adding that his adversaries in his own party claim that "he is a nationalist disguising himself as a Leftist."

UN affirms Palestinians' right to self-determination

Assembly, wrapping up its annual debate on the "question of Palestine," voted 160-2 on Friday to reaffirm the right of the

tive votes.

nearly that of a state. In a series of resolutions last week, the assembly agaio demanded a halt to construction at Har Homa, which the UN calls Jabal

Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The US and Israel have argued that these groups are anachronistic and that they consume scarce funds that could be put to humanitarian pur-

In a resolution on the "peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine," the assembly called on concerned parties, the co-sponsors of the Middle East peace process, and the international community to to bring the peace process back on track and ensure its success. The vote was 155-2 (Israel, US),

The assembly passed a resolution 148-1 (Israel) Israel's imposition of its laws, jurisdiction, and administration on

Sixty-five states abstained.

NEW YORK - The UN General Palestinians to self-determination. Only Israel and the US cast nega-

The assembly's votes, as in years past, were overwhelmingly against Israel, with one major exception: the Palestinians were rebuffed in a procedural battle last week, in their effort to upgrade their UN status from observers to

Abu Ghneim. It voted by crushing majorities to continue support for the Division for Palestinian Rights, a unit within the UN Secretariat, as well as for the Committee on the

Jerusalem was illegal. Nine states,

By MARILYN HENRY

with three abstentions.

including the US, abstained. A resolution calling on Israel to withdraw from the "Syrian Golan" was adopted 92-2 (Israel, US).

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entire country, is unequivocal." Drug crisis

Pressing social and economic issues dominated last week's national agenda, focusing once again on the Treasury, following the most recent health-care crisis: the health funds' demand that the Treasury finance drugs for cancer

and AIDs patients. Yediot Aharonot's Barnea claims that the Treasury's vielding to Histadrut demands, ending the strike, weakened Yaakov Minister Neeman's status and motivated Health Minister Yehoshua Matza to launch an attack on him prior to

the budget vote. "Matza attacked Neeman because he had arrived at the conchision that he [Neeman] is beat-en, wounded, bleeding, Barnea He adds that Neeman is conwrites. vinced that bringing caneer

patients to the Knesset to clicit the whole country's sympathy is a "cynical ploy devised by the health funds and Health Ministry."

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US deports Latvian war criminal on arrival

LOS ANGELES - An officer in a notorious Latvian death squad during World War II was caught last week as he tried to enter the United States and immediately deported to Australia.

Konrads Kalejs, 84, who was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport on his arrival from Melbourne, had previously been deported from the US after being described by a US appeals court as a "key officer" in the killing of tens of thousands of

The incident sheds light on a watch list of 70,000 men suspected of wartime "acts of persecution," compiled by the US Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and distributed to immigration officials at

American ports of entry.

Even now, the OSI gets an average of one call a week from immigration officials regarding suspected Nazi war criminals trying

to enter the country, said Eli Rosenbaum, the OSI director. As reported in The Los Angeles Times, agents spotted Kalejs's name on the list of incoming passengers and detained him. Although Kalejs maintained that he was only stopping to catch a connecting flight to Mexico, US authorities suspected that he

would try to recross the Mexican border to the US, where he had lived for nearly 35 years. Kalejs was deported from the US in 1994, following a finding by the Chicago-based US 7th Circuit Court of Appeals that he had been a company commander

Security Police, and also manned the notorious Salaspils labor

The police unit was known informally as the Arajs Kommando, after its leader, Viktors Arajs. The Latvian Nazi was convicted by a German court in 1979 for complicity in the death of 13,000 Jews.

Kalejs's case is not atypical of Nazi suspects regolarly appre-hended at US airports, most of them former SS members, said the OSI's Rosenbaum.

"If they deny having been in the SS, we instruct the INS agents at the scene to tell the individual to take off his shirt and allow the agent to look under the left biceps," Roseobann told The Times. "We're looking for the telltale blood-type tattoo the SS gave

father and the only member of the

The report said robbery of Jews,

who were forced to deposit their

cash and valuables in a former

Jewish bank, then amounted to

about \$350 million - about \$3.5 hil-

lion today, according to an estimate by Dutch historian Gerard Aalders.

The report was based in part on a recently declassified US National

Archives document a US consular

official prepared in May 1946.

family to survive the Holocaust.

Report: Dutch Jews were robbed by neighbors, Nazis

in the pro-Nazi Latvian Auxiliary

Immediately after Anne Frank and her family were taken away to concentration camps, neighbors came and stole much of what they left behind in their attic hideout in Amsterdam, a World Jewish Congress report said last week.

The robbery was typical of what happened to Jews in occupied Holland, both randomly at the hands of neighbors and systematically by the Nazis and cooperating

For the most part, oeighbors entered into Jewish bomes straight after the deportation had taken place and took everything within an hour," according to the recol-lection of Wilma Stein, former head of the Jewish Welfare Association in Amsterdam.

"There were cases in which Iews were arrested in the morning, were released the same evening and who returned to their homes to find them empty."

The Franks' property never was

Papon trial suspended after juror falls ill

BORDEAUX (AP) - A judge suspended the war crimes trial of Maurice Papon on Friday after one of the jurors fell ill during an emotional reading of the names of Jewish victims deported in

The suspension came one hour after court had resumed to hear testimony about Papon's role in



The trial has peoded on several occasions previously due to the 87-year-old Papon's frail health.

It was not immediately clear when the proceedings would

Alain Jakubowicz, a lawyer for some of the victims and their families, said one of the jurors felt unwell as the names of ages of Jews arrested July 15, 1942 roundup were being read.

Papon, the most senior official of the pro-Nazi Vichy regime to stand trial for crimes against humanity, is charged with signing the arrest orders that led to the deportations and deaths of 1,690 Jews from Bordeaux during World War II.



Canada widening hunt for Nazis

Neal Sher, former director of the Office of Special Investigations in the US Department of Justice, speaks to a news conference attended by dozens of concentration camp survivors in Toronto on Friday, after it was announced he would be an adviser to Canada's war crimes unit. Sher said Canada has proven its commitment to correct its past failure to deal with suspected war criminals by hiring him. A critic of Canada's record on dealing with war criminals, Sher was the chief American Nazi hunter for 12 years until 1994, then served briefly as director of AIPAC. Since 1979, the US has stripped 60 suspected Nazi collaborators of their citizenship, and another 300 cases are under investigation. Canada has started legal procedures to deport 12 suspected World War II-era Nazis.

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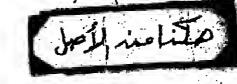
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US welcomes 'moderate' Islamic summit

Teheran.

the text issued by the conference

itself and not on conversations

with American friends and allies

who attended the meeting in

As a result, the US judgments could not be called definitive, he

Foley said Washington also

supported the OIC's proposal for

continuation of a campaign

against international terrorism

and "noted with interest" the

group's reference to full respect

for the honor and rights of

However, he said that the

United States expected the con-

ference to openly support the American-mediated Middle East

peace process, as previous con-

ferences have done, and be

expressed disappointment that

that was not in the final declara-

The United States rejected the call by the 55-member OIC for

lifting sanctions on Libya but

Foley noted that the conference

did not make a similar appeal on

He attributed the generally

moderate tone of the final decla-

ration to close American friends

What the outcome of the con-

"I think you'd have to ask the

Iranians whether they were

forced as hosts of the conference

to adjust to achieve to consensus,

or whether this represents a

change of heart and a reflection

of their professed desire to have

more good neighborly relations

center in favor of a visitors' center,

in the region," Foley said.

ference says about Iran is uncer-

Moslem women.

behalf of Iraq.

tain, he said.

Ban lifted on

shopping center

at Auschwitz

in the center.

in the Arab world.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -The United States welcomed what it called the moderate tone of the resolutions produced this week by a summit of Islamic

"On the basis of what we have seen, we give a cautious welcome to a moderate tone that seems to bave been struck in some, if not all, of the resolutions," State Department deputy spokesman James Foley told

reporters.

We welcome, for instance, the call for cooperation, dialogue and positive understanding among cultures and religions, and the rejection of the ideology of confrontation" during the summit, he said.

We also support the OIC's [Organization of Islamic Countries] condemnation of terrorism in all forms and methods, and the statement that the killing of innocent people is forbidden in Islam [and] would expect that all OIC members would reject attacks on civilians wherever they occur and for whatever reason that they may be carried out," he said.

Asked about news reports that OIC leaders also blasted Israel for its occupation of Arab land, "expansionist policies" and "state terrorism," Foley said US officials were not sure that was the case because they do not yet have all the texts from the con-

"If it is true, of course we would ... reject such a characterization of Israel." he said.

The deputy spokesman said that the analysis was based on

WARSAW (AP) - A regional

appeals council has lifted a ban on

construction of a controversial vis-

itor's center across from

Janusz Marszalek said Friday

that he planned to resume work on

the project early next year, and

that he would sue the city council

for revenues lost due to the sus-

said they would not permit con-

struction to begin until after local

officials worked out a new devel-

opment code to preserve the digni-

Work on the center was stopped

following months of protest by

Polish officials, Auschwitz sur-

vivors and the Jewish community

leaders, who said the planned

shopping center and restaurants

would desecrate the memory of

some 1.5 million people that died

But the Oswiecim city council, which halted the project last July,

pension.

ty of the site.

at the camp.

Auschwitz, the developer said.

PARIS - Grayer and portlier but still packed with revolutionary fire, suspected terrorist Carlos the Jackal went on trial, attacking "the Zionist state" and "American imperialism."

"I am a professional revolutionary in the old Leninist tradition," said Venezuelan-born llich Ramirez Sanchez on Friday, who French agents captured and spirited out of Sudan in 1994 on murder charges.

"I've been a political activist of the Palestinian cause since summer 1970," said the ruddy-faced, double-chinned

Now 48, Ramirez still looked debonair in a cream polo shirt and ascot, tan slacks and gold wire-rimmed glasses. He had a receding hairline, a graying coiffe and a thin

It was the first court appearance ever by a man long identified by only grainy photographs, a shadowy figure who was once one of the world's most wanted terrorists linked to bombings, assassinations and

By his own count, he has killed 83 peo-

Three years in solitary confinement failed to break the Ramirez, who faces three separate counts of murder for the killing of two French investigators and a Lebanese national in 1975.

He faces 30 years in prison for each

Sharpshooters watched from rooftops, body scanners checked all entering the Palais de Justice and a dozen police stood in the courtroom at the beginning of the trial, which is expected to last for one

Ramirez and his lawyers launched a twopronged assault, demanding the court throw out the case on grounds he was abducted and not legally extradited and demanding civil party lawyers be expelled from the courtroom.

Living up to his youthful image as a ladies' man, he beamed smiles as the six women in the nine-member jury stepped up to the front of the court, drawing muffled laughter from the public. Then be turned serious to demand his release.

Stealing the show from his lawyers, Ramirez largely took the defense in his own hands, giving long, impassioned often rambling monologues in French with a heavy Spanish accent. Joviality alternated with anger,

"I can't be judged because of the conditions of my arrest," Ramirez said. He was reportedly given an injection before French agents spirited him in a sack to



France puts Carlos on trial

File photograph of Illich Ramirez Sanchez, also known as 'Carlos the Jackal.' and once the world's most elusive terrorist, who went on trial Friday in Paris for the 1974 slayings of two French counterintelligence agents.

Carlos lived beyond the grasp of Western governments bebind the Iron Curtain for years, but life on the run became harder when his East bloc protectors vanished when the Berlin Wall fell. When his main Middle Eastern protectors abandoned him,

the French moved in.

Ramirez spent most of his time attacking SOS Attentats, calling it "extremist, racist and revisionist" because some leading members were Jewish or from Jewish fam-

"You, Zionist revisionists!," he said to

A group founded to defend the rights of victims, lawyers for SOS Attentats have access to all court documents and the right 10 intervene in court.

"Zionism is a chancre of humanity, an objective linked to the United States, a hegemonic power," he said. He blasted "American imperialism and the Zionist

Presiding Judge Yves Corneloup twice briefly recessed the trial, but did not rule

on the requests. A ruling is expected tomorrow, when the

trial is to resume.

Francoise Rudetzki, head of SOS-Attentats, told reporters she welcomed

Carlos' attack. That means we know we are bothering him. We help the victims overcome their grief, we don't exploit them," she said.

Ramirez alleged Mossad agents from Israel had "cooperated with high French police officials" to set up the 1975 murders for which he is on trial. Those killings occurred only months before his most spectacular coup - the kid-napping that December of 11 oil ministers

at a Vienna meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Carlos faces 30 years in prison if con-victed of the 1975 killing of the two French agents and their Lebanese

informer. He has been in French jails since being captured after undergoing testicular surgery in a Khartoum hospital in Sudan in 1994 and bundled off to Paris.

Back on June 27, 1975, Ramirez was posing as a 26-year-old student in a tiny Latin Quarter apartment near the Sorbonne, when investigators knocked.

Raymond Dous and Jean Donatini, of the Direction de la Securite du Territoire -France's FBI - were probing an attack on Israel's El Al airlines at Paris' Orly Airport in January that year.

Arriving at 9 rue Toullier with the investigators was Michel Moukharbal, a fellow member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palesune, arrested earlier

Moukharbal pointed to Ramirez as a suspect and Ramirez opened fire, killing him and the two agents before fleeing the coun-

Ramirez' fingerprints on the pistol and his own description of the killings have given the prosecution a strong case.

Observers say he might use his secrets to eventually deal his way out of jail.

PanAm103 families clash with Libya in NY court

As a result of the outcry, the developer altered the project, UNIONDALE, New York should be held responsible. (Reuters) - Attorneys for famiabandoning plans for a shopping lies of the victims of PanAm ed intelligence agents, have been Flight 103 and the Lihyan govwith a fast-food outlet and bookernment clashed in court Friday The most recent proposal also over whether the North African includes a post office and a bank nation should face a cryll lawsulf seeking to hold it accountable The appeals council decided on for the Lockerbie bombing. On Thursday that the project fit a con-December 21, 1988, the PanAm cept developed last March by passenger jet was on a flight Polish authorities and Jewish repfrom London to New York when resentatives to expand visitor serit exploded over the village of Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 people on board and 11 on vices and memorial sites at Auschwitz and the neighboring

Birkenau. However, the decision requires city council approval for the final plan, said Wlodzimierz Gebis, an Oswiecim city planning official. Gehis said approval won't be given until the city has developed an overall urban development

the ground. US District Judge Thomas Platt heard arguments from lawyers the civil case tossed out, and

representing Libya, which wants attorneys for victims' families. who believe it should go forward. The suit, which seeks unspecified financial damages, alleges plan, not expected before the end the Libyan government contributed to the bombing and so

United States and has not handed Two Libyan nationals, suspectthem over. The civil case has been awaiting trial in federal in indicted in the United States court on New York's Long on criminal charges, accused of planting the homh. Tripoli con-

The plane was destined for tends the pair would not receive a John F. Kennedy airport, which the families, contended it fair trial in either Scotland or the is in the jurisdiction that only logical venue.

includes Long Island and The lawyers argued over clear on the point.

whether the US court would have Lee Kreindler, lead attorney for block," Ristau told the court.

Lihya's lawyer, Bruno Ristau, argued that US laws were not

"They're essentially asking us jurisdiction over the civil case. to put our head on a chopping

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EU expansion excludes Turkey

LUXEMBOURG - The European Union welcomed 11 prospecove new members yesterday in the biggest expansion project in its 40-year history.

Turkey, excluded from that group and at best a long-odds bet for EU membership, was however invited to join the candidates and current EU members at a ceremony in Britain next spring to launch

the enlargement process. EU leaders ending a two-day EU summit in Luxembourg urged Ankara not to turn away from Europe even though it could be decades before the predominantly Moslem, but secular state, is ready to join the western bloc.

The summit agreed to open the

reassuring five other ex-Soviet satellites that they, too, could begin the loog road to EU mernbership, though at a slower pace.

"After the summit of Luxembourg we can speak oot simply about the enlargement, but the reunification, of Europe," said Polish Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek, whose country is the biggest of the fast-track applicants.

For a man of my generation this is the real end of the Second World War," he said, adding: "It's good news for Poland and good news for Europe." Full accession talks will begin in spring with Hungary. Poland, the Czecb Republic,

Estonia, Slovenia and Cyprus.

speed up preparations for accession talks later for five other east European states - Bolgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Lithuania and

"It's the decisive event in the history of Europe after the Second World War," German Chancellor Helmut Kohl told a closing news conference, noting that, post-enlargement, Germany would be surrounded by its EU partners.

The unification of Europe has taken an important step forward," added French President Jacques

British Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed to Turkey to accept the summit's invitation to join a European Conference and said there was strong support "all

round the table" that Turkey would one day join the EU. For Turkey, membership might still be decades away, said summit chairman, Luxembourg Prime

Minister Jean-Claude Juncker on Friday. 'It cannot be that a country where torture is still practiced has a place at the European Union table." Juncker declared. To join the EU, candidates must meet strict conditions of democra-

cy, human rights and economic openness. While the EU's eastern neighbors have moved away from communism to meet these requirements, the EU has grave doubts about the Turkish military's interference in politics and its dubious human rights record.

(News agencies)

EU leaders resolve currency squabble

LUXEMBOURG (AP) - The arrived at a simple solution," said European Union ended months of French Finance Minister squabbling with an agreement on who should have a say in economic policy involving the new single currency that comes into effect a year from now.

After five hours of difficult discussion on the opening day of their two-day EU summit in this minuscule European duchy, the presideots and prime ministers struck a deal Friday that requires a lot of good faith all around. It also dealt British Prime Minister Tony Blair his first euro-setback.

"In simplifying the question we

Dominique Strauss-Kahn.
At issue Beautiful Strauss-Kahn.

At issue were plans to create a new council to coordinate monetary policy among countries who sign up for the single currency.
The 11 probable "ins" thought
only they should be on the council
and make decisions. The four

"outs" differed strongly.
Britain, Sweden, Denmark plan to opt out of the single currency when it is launched Jan. 1, 1999, and Greece is not expected to meet the economic criteria for membership. But these countries did not

policy making, which they felt would drive a wedge in the union.

The four argued that many of the decisions involving the euro have a wider impact and consequently the "outs" should have a say, even though they are not actually par-ticipaoog in the European Monetary Union.

The 11 agreed in principle, but the central question was the right of the "ins" to decide when the "outs" should be present and whether the "outs" had a right to be present or should be involved only on invitation.

Shelter sought for refugees of latest Rwanda massacre

By BRENNAN LINSLEY

GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) - The UN refugee agency tried to find new shelter for the remaining Tutsi refugees at a camp where Hutu rebels killed at least 234

people.
UN aid workers and government soldiers were still counting bodies at Mudende camp in northwestern Rwanda, a day after the attackers set fire to 200 buts and used macbetes, hand greoades and guns

against the refugees.

The death of three wounded Friday brought the death toll to 234; it could still rise, said Paula Ghedini, spokeswoman for the

UN refugee agency.
Another 227 wounded were hospitalized in Gisenyi, about 100 kilometers northwest of Kigali. Most were in serious condition with severe head wounds caused

by machetes or nail-studded clubs, Ghedini said.

In Geneva, a spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner on Refugees said the attack was the worst to date on a refugee camp in

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in New York that he was "profoundly shocked" by the slaughter of "defenseless refugees. mostly women and children."

"It is most distressing that after almost four years, prospects for peace, stability and national reconciliation remain dim and that efforts to find lasting solutions in Rwanda and the region have not been successful," UN spokesman Juan-Carlos Brandt said.

A regional military official said Friday that the Hutu rebels who attacked the camp first hit a nearhy jail, and Rwandan government troops killed an undetermined oumber of inmates and attackers.

But they were taken by surprise when the attackers moved on to the camp.

The attacks coincided with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's one-day visit to the Rwandan capital, Kigali, where she talked with government leaders and praised their efforts at reconciliation between Hutus and minority Tutsis.

News of the attack came after she left.

Military spokesman Richard Sizehera said that President Clinton's roving ambassador for war crimes, David Scheffer, was expected in Gisenyi yesterday to survey the devastated camp.

"It seems some of the same people who perpetuated the genocide are committing these actions,"

Astronauts to celebrate Hanukka aboard Mir

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Flz. (AP) - American astronaut David Wolf and his Russian crewmates aboard the Mir space station plan to celebrate the holidays in style - even if they can't toast with cham-

Wolf, who is Jewish, received a menorah as a Hanukka gift from his sister. The menorah and gelt, coins, were delivered by a Russian

supply ship in October.
"We'll celebrate in the traditional way," Wolf said Friday.

"We'll enjoy the light show oo the Earth instead of our own Christmas lights. Actually, our coosoles here look a lot like. Christmas lights a lot of the

Added commander Anatoly Solovyov: "There is no, appareot-

ly, champagne here for us to celehrate the New Year, although there is, of course, the desire."

Alcohol is hanned from USbased ships, but the Russians are more lenient. There have eveo been confirmed reports in the past about vodka oo board Mir.

More than anything, Wolf said he craves "those sweet potatoes with the marshmallows on top that my mom makes." He said he'd

The 41-year-old doctor and engineer assured reporters that he feels extremely good after nearly three months in space - better than he would on Earth, in fact. "It's getting better and better

although I miss home more and more," he said. Wolf said he feels safe aboard Mir and noted that the station has been running well since his arrival

most of his time to scieoce work, in particular an experiment to grow three-dimeosional kidney and nerve tissue.

Earlier in the year, there were problems galore aboard Mir including a fire in February, a cargo-ship collision in June, computer breakdowns, cooling-system leaks and oxygen-generator malfunctions.

cycles? A lot of things break, you fix a lot of things and it runs real great for a while. I think we're probably seeing a cycle like that," Wolf said.

Wolf's replacement, NASA astrooaut Andrew Thomas, is scheduled to arrive on Mir in late January aboard space shuttle Endeavour. He will be the last American to live on the Russian



Nationalist Chinese army veterans in Taipei shout as they set on fire a dummy coffin containing an effigy of Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto yesterday, marking 60 years since Japanese soldiers massacred tens of thousands of Chinese in the city of Nanjung.

Amazon rain forest shrinking faster than believed

By MICHAEL ASTOR

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - No one disputes that the Amazon rain forest is shrinking, but just how fast it's disappearing is a mystery
- and a political hot potato in

Brazil. A new report by a congressional committee investigating foreign logging . companies says the Amazon is vanishing at a rate of 52,000 square kilometers a year. That's more than three times the

A large wicker basket is filled with a bonbonierre of assorted chocolates, vanilla tea, a bottle

of gournet olive oil, chocolate coins, tresh fruit jam, long burning Safed candles, pistachios,

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rate of 1994, the last year for which official figures are available.

About 12 perceot of the 5.2 million square kilometer wilderness is already gone. Scientists say the loss - mainly from wildfires and logging - adds to the greenhouse effect that is believed to cause

global warming. "If nothing is done, the entire Amazon will be gone within 50 years," said the 110-page report's author, Rep. Gilney Vianna of the leftist Worker's Party to the

Amazon state of Mato Grosso. 'Although the oumbers are only estimates, it's hard for the government to refute them without fig-

ures of its own. And that's another problem, because the official numbers have been under wraps for nearly three years. The government had promised to release its figures December 1.

They were withheld after Eduardo Martins, presideot of Brazil's Environmental Protection Agency, asked for more data on the average size of deforested areas and the types of vegetation

The rate of deforestation is only good for a headline but does nothing to resolve the problem," said Martins. "I wanted to look at the causes."

Vianna and several leading environmentalists say the release was delayed to avoid potential embarrassment for Brazil at the international conference on greenhouse gas emissions in Kyoto, Japan.

Martins denies it, but admits the government's oumbers will show that Amazon destruction is on the

He says figures on western Rondonia state, complied by the local government and the World Bank, should reflect the deforestation trend across the Amazon: deforestation rose sharply in 1995 before leveling off slightly in 1996

and 1997.
Determining the extent of deforestation is the job of the government's National Space Research

At its headquarters in Sao Jose

dos Campos, 300 km, southwe of Rio, 120 analysts have speot the last five months toiling over photos from NASA's Landsat-TM satellite showing deforestation from 1995 to 1997.

In 1994, 80% of Amazon deforestation was revealed in 38 of the 229 satellite images that cover the Brazilian Amazon.

This year, the oumber of images that captured the same percentage of deforestation climbed to 47, said Ulf Walter Palme, the pro-

ject's technical director. The increase means the area of destruction has expanded since then by 317,389 square km. - an area roughly the size of Italy.

The government relies solely on satellite images in compiling its figures. Vianna's report, released Wednesday, arrives at substantially higher figures hy including estimates on the cutting of lots smaller than the 64-dunam minimom measurable by the satellite photos.

"I think Vianna's figure should be pretty accurate, because he has taken into coosideratioo other forms of deforestation that don't show up in the satellite photos,' said Gustavo Fonseca, president of Cooservation International Brazil.

Vianna has called for a 10-year moratorium on cutting and burning io the Amazoo.

We need the moratorium because the government has no cohereot policy io the Amazon," be said. "Seventy percent of the humings are authorized by the government and so is the vast majority of the deforestation."

Fire disrupts flights from Heathrow

LONDON (Reuters) - Some flights from London's Heathrow airport were still delayed yesterday following a fire that broke out in the early hours of Friday morning, airport officials said.

The main problems were due to airplanes being in the wrong place because their flights had been canceled after the fire.

The airport is operating to timetable, we have a near normal pattern of flights," a spokes-woman said. "If there are any delays, it's because a few aircraft are in the wrong place having had to stay on the ground yesterday." She said the volume of passenger traffic was heavier than usual for a Saturday because of the number of people whose flights were delayed from Friday.

The fire, which broke out in a burger bar, caused the cancelation of 307 flights, two-thirds of them British Airways services. The terminal had been due to handle 600 flights on Friday, carrying some 70,000 passengers.

The fire damage is expected to cost thousands of pounds to repair, although safety experts said fur-ther destruction had been averted by of a special fireproof membrane in the terminal roof which curbed the spread of the blaze.

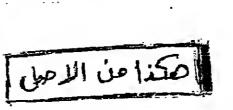
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Robert Downey Jr. goes to jail

By AMY WALLACE and ROBERT B. WELKOS

n Hugo Pool, one of the five films featuring Robert Downey Ir. scheduled to premiere soon in the US, the boyish actor plays a film director who has committed

"Why aren't you in jail?" Downey's character is asked. "I was for a little while, but now I'm out on bail," he responds. "Thank God it's Los Angeles."

Lately, that line could have been Downey's motto. In and out of courtrooms since a drug conviction last year, Downey nevertheless had avoided extended jail time. And the 32-year-old actor had never been more in demand.

But real-life Los Angeles proved far tougher than the celluloid version last week when a judge ordered the one-time Academy Award nominee to serve six months in jail for violating his probation. In Hollywood, where actors' vulnerabilities are often accepted as fuel for their creativity. there was sympathy for Downey.

Lerm for beating his girl-

friend during a drug and alcohol

bender, then fighting police said his lawyer, Michael Nasatir.

Tuesday, but Nasatir entered

no contest pleas on his behalf

to battery on a dating partner,

battery on a peace officer, and

being under the influence of a

His plea came one day after

actor Robert Downey Jr. was

ordered to spend six months in

jail for violating parole on a

Slater's term is to be fol-

lowed by three months in a res-

ldential drug treatment pro-

gram. He must begin his sen-

tence before January 10 and

enroll in a year-long batterers

The 28-year-old star of the

movies Broken Arrow and

controlled substance..

drug conviction.

treatment program.

Slater was not in court on

But some also wondered: Why did no one step in earlier? The way Hollywood helped

Downey in recent months was to give him what most actors yearn for high-profile work. And while the acting jobs - in Robert Altman's *The Gingerbread Man*; Neil Jordan's *In Dreams*; James Toback's Two Girls and a Guy, Stuart Baird's US Marshals, Hugo Pool, directed hy his father, Robert Downey; and Mike Figgis's One Night Stand - certainly kept the pressure on the star, sources said they also kept him drug-free. "When he's working, he's clean," said one source. "It's when he's not working that there's

By all accounts, Downey was professional and hard-working on the set. "Robert was great on the set and is a wonderful talent, extraordireally," said Jordan, whose 12th film, In Dreams starring Annette Bening and Downey, was completed on December 3. Figgis said he chose Downey for One Night Stand because he admired his work. "I also felt he needs to be

cers were called to a brawl at

the posh Wilshire Boulevard condominiums. Police heard

screaming and found Slater in a stairwell "swinging his arms and yelling incoherently."

Slater threw one officer against a wall and tried to grab his gun.

He later told police he had

been taking heroin, cocaine

and had been drinking "for a

couple days and had only a

couple hours of sleep." Police

said Slater wound up in the

hallway after fighting at a

party with a man who tried to

stop Slater from punching his

Nasatir asked that Slater be

given jail credit for 118 days

he spent in a drug rehabilita-

tion program. The court said it

would issue a ruling later, but

prosecutors opposed the

BEFORE Getz teamed up with

Gilberto, he was turned on to the

samba by guitarist Charlie Byrd.

These gringos attempted to adapt

it to jazz, and they approached it

with their cultural baggage in

ready evidence. For example, the

blues keep popping np, even on Byrd's acoustic work. He repli-

cates the softer time-keeping and

chord changes of Brazil hnt grabs

some solid solo time, too. In fact,

Jazz Samba bears a hard, post-

bop edge. Also, the range of sen-

sations is wider here than on the

Gilberto collaboration, which is

characterized by Jobim's trade-

mark bittersweet eloquence. Two

Jobim numbers are included hy

Getz and Byrd: the opening track

"Desafinado" and "Samba de Uma Nota So," which get fairly

upbeat treatment, propelled by extended improvisations by

Getz, Byrd and bassist Keter

Betts. The other tracks include a

mysteriously seductive "Bahia," the whimsical "O Pato," and

Byrd's jocular "Samba Dees

All the playing is exciting,

whether on solos - the solid

backing provided by Betts and

Deppenschmidt and Bill

Reichenbach - or in the compli-

cated interplay between Getz and

Byrd. For those who prefer a

meatier sound with the emphasis

on instrumental prowess, this is

JOBIM was, with Joao Gilberto

the creator of bossa nova, which

combined the wild street dance

music of the samba with the cool

exterior of Wost Coast jazz. It's

hard to imagine a more unlikely

hybrid, hnt it's one that grabbed

the imagination of the public and

performers. Moreover, Johim

distinguished himself as a song-

writer of the highest quality, pen-

ning several pieces that have

long been part of the standard

jazz repertoire. The Composer of

Desafinado, Plays, which is heavy on strings, shows that

Jobim's main connection was not

There are hints here that Jobim

is as deft a pianist as he is a com-

poser. He engages in a deceptive-

ly simple, single-note style that

does a slowly twirling dance with

the warmly resonant flute of Leo

Wright, But even on "Agua de Beber" and "O Morro Nao Tem

Vez," the two tracks from which

we are mercifully spared the

string sweetener, the tracks fade

just as the instrumentals start

to jazz hut to popular music.

the boss bossa nova album.

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own girifriend.

to push himself as an actor."

The timing of Downey's jail sentence, which could be reduced for good behavior, creates an ual situation for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Though One Night Stand did not garner great reviews, Downey's performance did, raising the possibility that he could be nominated for an Oscar while behind bars.

The Academy has faced such dilemmas in the past. In 1981, Roman Polanski was nominated for best director for Tess while he was living in exile in France, unable to return to the US because he had been convicted of a sex offense with a minor in Los Angeles. And in 1945 Barry Fitzgerald, who won best supporting actor for Going My Way, was found not guilty in the manslanghter death of an elderly woman he had hit with his car. He was acquitted a month later.

In the meantime, New Line said it will include Downey in its Oscar marketing campaign for One

Night Stand.

In a recent Playboy interview,
Downey discussed the ease with
which he could do drugs and get back to the set of Home for the Holidays, a 1995 film directed by actress Iodie Foster. Downey said Foster didn't let him off the hook just because he was doing good takes. "God bless Jodie Foster," he said. "She said, 'I'm not worried about you on this film. Yon're not losing it and you're giving a great performance. I'm worried about you thinking you can get away with doing this on another film."

Joan Hyler, a veteran talent manager who has known Downey for ars, said the public perception that Hollywood coddles its troubled stars is not always accurate. "I think there is no way Hollywood is lenient," Hyler said, "We are in an age now where the scrutiny [of celebrities] is much more severe and it does have an effect. There is a lot of scrutiny going on these days when there are major studios and lots of money at stake. Nobody wants to be on a far location with an \$85 million movie and run into

Hyler noted that among actors; Downey is recognized as a special talent to be treasured. "The kind of gift he has is unusual," she said.
"That's why there is sympathy



(Los Angeles Times) Robert Downey Jr., here seen in the film Only You, has an 'unusual gift.'

90 days for

Christian Slater

ctor Christian Slater Interview with a Vampire was agreed to a 90-day jail arrested August 11 after offi-



By Norm Guthartz

The gentle beauty of the landmark bossa nova-jazz album, Getz/Gilberto, is undeniable. Bossa entices with a soft seductiveness, it was the sound that meant sophistication in the Sixties.

Listening again to this 34-yearold recording, you will be struck by its timelessness. That kind of greatness is no small feat, especially for a jazz album that infiltrated and shot to the top of the pop charts.

> **GETZ/GILBERTO** Stan Getz, Jose Gilberto (Helicon)

JAZZ SAMBA Stan Getz and Charlie Byrd (Helicon)

THE COMPOSER OF DESAFINADO, PLAYS Antonio Carios Johim (Helicon)

Even on the big hit "The Girl from Ipanema," there is magic. It inches up hypnotically on the listener, first with Gilberto's steady guitar, then his nasal, existentialist vocal, then drums and the simple piano work of Antonio Carlos Jobim, who composed all

the songs on the album. Then Gilbeno's wife, Astrod, joins in with the English lyrics. Her voice is ordinary, innocent and hesitant, but Getz felt it was good enough for the recording. In fact, those qualities are what helped make this version of the

song so popular. As far as tenor-man Getz goes, it's difficult to think of a session when he played more lyrically. Whether he is blending in with the surface calm the Brazilian musicians project or providing emotional counterpoint, he is always assuredly himself.

Getz gets down Israel's answer to Marianne Faithfull



By Emily Hauser

orinne Allal is sort of an Israeli Marianne Faithfull. Not hlessed with a classically beautiful voice, her singing is nonetheless deeply expressive, carrying both strength and vulnerability in its raspy, almost masculine tones. Her work is often puncmated by a painful sense of irony, her rocker sensibilities deepened hy Francophile and Levantine

Ha'osef is a very good represen-

HA'OSEF ("The Collection")
Corinne Allal ***

AHAVA YISRAELIT **BLI MILIM** neli Love Without Words") Hed Artzi

tation of Allal at her best, including such favorites as "Eretz Ketana Im Safam" ("A Little Country with A Mustache") and "Antarctica." The inclusion of "K'shezeh Amok" ("When It's Deep"), the song Allal wrote with friend and protegee Inbal Perlimetter, took on a tragic air when Perlmutter died in a terrihle accident soon after the album's

Despite the fact that she rarely contributes to the lyrics of her songs, Allal's voice has long been identified with social commentary and protest. "We're a rare hreed," she sings in "Zan Nadir" ("Rare Breed"). "An odd duck / Airborne dreams / Head in the sand."

Conjuring images of Ronald Reagan's misguided appropriation of Bruce Springsteen's angry "Born in the USA," this country's right wing took on Allal's "Ein Li Eretz Aheret" ("I Have No Other Country") at one point, not noticing that she was singing "I won't be silent / Because my country has changed. / I won't let it go / I will remind her / And sing in her ears / Until she opens her eyes" in response to the intifada.

close to being the disc's last song, hut the palpahly happier "Shir Le'Shira" ("A Song for Shira") got that honor. I suspect the reason was simply a desire to end on a positive note, but it's a pity. Allal's grieving treatment of "Ein Li Eretz Aheret" would have made for a powerful conclusion.

Jaruslav SAXOPHONIST Jakubovic is a familiar figure on the Israeli pop scene. The hig man with curly hair and glasses can be seen in the hackground of the video clips and live performances of many hig-name local singers, such as Shalom Hanoch and Chava Alberstein. He has also performed with such international stars as Paul Simon and Michael Jackson. Jakubovic is an unquesfionably talented man; his resumé

alone proves it. Yet on "Ahava Yisraelit Bli Milim" Jakubovic applies this talent to the duhious task of recording instrumental versions of wellknown love songs: Rami Kleinstein's "Tapuhim Utmarim" ("Apples and Dates"), Aviv Gefen's "Ha'im Lihiyot Bach Me'uhav" ("Should I Be in Love with You") and so on. But rather than take these chestmus and give them a new turn, Jakubovic has chosen to do utterly straight renditions of the originals, substituting his saxophone for the vocals. In

short, this is muzak. I know that there are plenty of people who like muzak; I am not among them. But even taking that into consideration, this album is particularly disappointing, in that it shows a complete lack of inno-

Furthermore, whatever emotion expressed by the singers of these tunes has been completely removed by Jakobovic's playing, which, while technically fine, is oddly without feeling. Why should I listen to "Ahava Yisraelit Bli Milim" when I can spin the real thing and get the thrill of passion to boot? Jakubovic's rendition of Zohar Argov's timeless, heart-wrenching "Perah Begani" ("Flower in My Garden") is particularly painful, almost reducing the Oriental-pop classic to an Ashkenazi wedding tune.

The producers of this disc supplied an English-language text for the liner notes, no doubt hoping to make sales among tourists and immigrants. I am at a loss to explain the hopeless condition of the text, characterized as it is hy sentences like Born ib the Czech Republic [sic]," and crediting Jakubovic with playing with international perform-



Corinne Allal's voice evokes both strength and vulnerability.

ers such as "Towny Bennet, The Manh'attan Transfer and meny others [sic]." There is no excuse in a country this rife with native English speakers for the domestic recording industry to allow such embarrassments to appear.

DID YOU KNOW? O: Who is the "Shira" in the song

"Shir Le'Shira?" A: Yonatan Gefen's now-grown actress daughter, for whom he wrote the lyrics when she was

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

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diva returns Russia

even years after immigrating to Israel from the Soviet Larisa Tetuev returned to her homeland in what was a most successful yet rather mmulmous affair.

She came to Israel after completing her studies as a pianist and choral conductor. Here she embarked on a new career, that of singer, discovering her warm, lyric, caressing soprano which in about six years opened up incredi-hly and, at the same time, opened many doors for her throughout the world. It was the soprano Tetuev who went to Moscow, a city she never lived in yet knew very well, to participate in a master class last

The master classes, organized hy renowned Russian soprano Ljuba Kasarnovskaya, were given hy legendary Italian soprano Renata Scotto. Ten singers participated in the 10-day master class. Every day they worked on the stage of the Helicon opera house in Moscow; before a large paying audience, with lots of media coverage.

Tetuev has nothing hut praise for Scotto. "She is a real diva and she is charming. She works hard and whatever you learn from her remains forever. I worked with her on Mimi in La Boheme. Immediately after that I sang it in auditions, and I was singing the role much better. Scotto is really a wonderful, warm woman who gives you a lot. You only need to know how to take."

Scotto did not work with the singers on technical issues. She said that those who want to learn technique should go to her school in Italy, as it is a lengthier process. In the master class she worked on style and interpretation.

Of the 10 singers who participated in the master class, half were Israeli citizens hut all were born in the former Soviet Union. How did the Russians treat the former-Russian-now-Israeli singers? Says Temey, "I felt some kind of detachment and alienation in the air and believe me, I was very proud to be an Israeli. Every day at he end of the master class I was approached by Russians asking me where I was from and which local school I was studying at. I was honored and privileged to say I was Israeli. There is a huge cultural wealth in Moscow, hut life there is very difficult. People are starving, many are sleeping in the streets, and there is a lot of confusion in the air. This visit was proof that I did the right thing immigrat-

ing to Israel." To emphasize the feeling, Tetuev's 10-year-old son, Anton (Asher), who shared this Moscow experience with her, said after two days that he missed his home, that he wanted to return to Israel. "At that moment I knew where I really belonged and I was very happy. she says.

"A soprano's life is not an easy one, especially not at the early stages of your career when you try to do as many concerts and auditions as possible. But tough and demanding as life is, it is usually

very rewarding," she says.

During her 10 days in Moscow, Tetuev had to make two quick trips. First she went to London for a day to appear in a benefit concert; then she went to Prague, where she auditioned at the local National Opera. The result was the title role in Dvorak's captivating opera Rusalka. They had been looking for a long time for a singer whose looks and voice would suit the role," she explains. "When they offered me the part, I could hardly believe it. It's a role I have dreamt about. It suits me perfectly. In May I start rehearsals. I just have to sign the contract," she

In the meantime, Tetuev has lots of work on home ground. She was called in to replace a colleague in the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba series in which she will sing Mozart arias. On January 1 she will sing the Dvorak Stabat Mater with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA within the Liturgica festival, and later in the year she will sing Tatvana in Eugene Onegin and excerpts from Mozart's Don Giovanni with the

ented and beautiful soprano on the way to becoming an international opera star.

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Turkey fails to shape up

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was rattled by a snarling session with the Turks. Ankara was miffed at again being left off a list of 11 countries that will be invited to join - including Turkish-occupied Cyprus and some of the former Soviet satellite states.

It was childishly pointless for Turkish Prime Minister Musut Yilmaz to withdraw from dinner with the EU leaders last night because they refused to promise his country eventual membership - and just as pointless to threaten the union with a break in relations, as his foreign minister did. Turkey's accusation that the EU is a "Christian cluh" is nonsensical - religion has never been regarded as a factor in determining membership. The accusation highlights not EU hias, but Turkish petulance.

If Alhania or Turkey or Bosnia meet the required democratic and economic benchmarks, they will be just as welcome as any nominally Protestant or Catholic nation. So far, they haven't. It is true that Turkey is generally admired as the only successful secular democratic Moslem state in the Middle East, but that is a long way from saying it is a fit candidate for European Union membership.

The EU has plenty of problems and plenty of critics, but it bas had astounding successes in its long post-war march from a small coal and steel community to today's mighty club of 15 democracies. Perhaps its greatest achievement has been in hanishing tyranny from Europe. Joining the

The European Union summit this weekend wealthy community became such an attractive proposition that it was in the main responsible for ending dictatorships in Greece, Spain, and Portugal. It has set the economic and democratic standards so high that aspiring members must ahide hy them or remain outside.

There are several reasons why Turkey does not qualify as a European, apart from economics. In no country in the EU, or among the aspiring members, are citizens tortured. In Turkey they are. No EU state has 30,000 occupation troops in a neighboring country, propping up a puppet government. In Cyprus. Turkey does. Turkey's treatment of its Kurdish minority is beneath contempt. For years it denied that Kurds, their language, and culture even existed - it was forbidden to call them anything hut "mountain Turks."

The EU's first duty is to demand that Turkey meet a whole series of criteria for respecting human rights, for ending the division of Cyprus and its endless hickering with Greece, and for giving its own 20 million Kurdish citizens full and equal rights. There is no point in Ankara complaining and insulting the Europeans. Turkey has been a basically stable country for decades and a good ally of the West. What is astonishing therefore is how unprepared it has been, in the 10 years since it first applied for EU membership, to take those last few steps to becoming a truly Europeanized democratic state. Until it does, the EU is within its rights to keep the door closed.

Hot air dissipates

The 10-day Kyoto climate conference was billed as the most important event in the history of planet earth. Its generation of bot air certainly must merit the record books. When measured against the amount of talking done, the final results seem thin indeed. Needless to say, the world leaders from the 150 states attending were quick to applaud themselves for deciding to limit emissions of the "greenhouse gases" produced by fossil fuels and held responsible for global warming and climate change. Under the Kyoto Protocol, the United States and Japan must reduce greenhouse gases to 7 percent below what they were in 1990. Europe is to make cuts of 8 percent below 1990 levels. The reductions are to achieved between 2008 and 2012.

This was an agreement drafted at the last minute out of fear of failure, not out of a newly awakened zeal to clean up the planet's atmosphere. The powerful industrialists who will have to do the cleaning are already warning that achieving Kyoto's goals will be technologically difficult and costly. It's exactly what they said just might be avoided.

in the 1970s when public pressure to clean up the whole environment began to rouse even laggardly politicians. Yet extensive legislation was passed and enforced, and the industrialists still ended up richer than ever.

Parliaments in the countries signing the Kyoto agreement must ratify it before it has any chance of becoming effective. In the really important ones, like the United States and Japan, opposition from powerful industry lobbies is mounting. The European Union, at the forefront of the battle for tighter emission controls, put a brave face on Kyoto's limited success, but will look more than a little silly if the US Congress sinks the agreement.

Needless to say the "greens" of the world were less than amused by the Kyoto marathon. The British Greenpeace organization called it "a tragedy and a farce." That's probably too pessimistic - although at present the agreement is no more than a few sheets of paper in state filing cabinets. If it can be translated into action. the ultimate tragedy and farce of a ruined planet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - There are differences of opinion on politics among rabbis in Israel, no less than among the general population. Some (perhaps most) lean to the Right. Others tend toward the Left. The same may be said of religious observance. Some hold to a strict interpretation of Halacha (Jewish law) while others interpret the law in a more open and progressive manner.

Yet, there is one area which I presume unites all rabbis. All rabbis hold to the principle of pikuah nefesh (the saving of lives take precedence over Jewish law). If there is one thing that embodies the highest value of Judaism - it is certainly the principle of saving lives. One may violate the observance of Shabbat and even Yom Kippur Jerusalem

where a life is at stake.

So, I wonder, where were the voices of the rabbis of Israel on International AIDS Day. We have thousands of Israelis who are HIV positive. We have many who have the AIDS symptoms. There are medications available that can prolong the lives of many of these people. Perhaps, some of these drugs can prolong some lives long enough that a cure, or at least a good treatment, for AIDS will be found. Making such drugs available, which are not in the "health basket" can be nothing less that pikuuh nefesh.

RABBI ANDREW M. SACKS. Director, Rabbinical Assembly of Israel

BOLSHEVIK TRADITIONS

Sir. - In our country it is not customary to prosecute union leaders for contempt of court. Therefore, the fiercely-mustachiced Histadrut hoss proudly lead the labor federation under the hanner "I am a ticking explosive homh!" and ignored court injunctions ordering a return to work.

In other countries, such a matter would be treated as incitement, a criminal offense punishable by law.

In Israel it expresses the workers' rights, in the hest of Bolshevik traditions.

DR. HERBERT COHN Ashdod.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 14, 1932, The Palestine Past reported at length the statement on the Palestine Government's policy made by the High Commissioner, Sir Arthur Wauchope. Addressing the Palestine Chamber of Commerce, the Commissioner announced the planned formation of a controversial Legislative Council. He promised, however. that changes could be made in the Local Government Bill and that the Government would decide whether the advantages of imposing an income tax outweighed the disadvantages. He had also announced that steps were taken to improve conditions at the Jaffa

50 years ago: On December 14, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that in the worst spell of violence since the beginning of the November Arab general strike 49 persons were killed and scores iniured in attacks and counterattacks during the previous two days. The casualties included 36 Arabs, 11 Jews, and two Bridsh

Three Jews, two of them employees of BOAC, were shot and burned to death together with the truck in which they had been riding on their way to Jerusalem, in what was described as a "horrihie outrage."

Thirteen Arabs were killed by an Irgun Zvai Leumi artack on Tireh which was reported to have been chosen as a well-known center of criminal activity. A squad of six Hagana men penetrated the all-Arab town of Ramle and hlew up a Shell Company pumping station. as well as two garages where about 15 vehicles were burned out.

Six Jews were killed and four were missing in two Arab attacks on Jewish settlements in the

Six Arabs were killed on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border when IZL raiders rolled a barrel-bomb from a passing car. Seven more Arabs fell in a battle with steel-helmeted members of IZL in an attack on the connection. Yehudieh village.

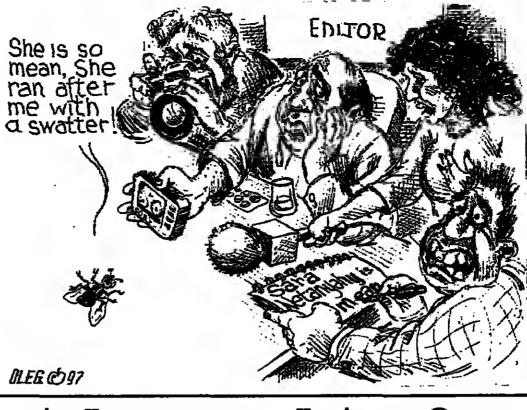
In Jerusalem stabbing, stoning and shooting continued unabated while in the Old City British troops continued their searches and confiscated arms hio by Jewish defenders.

During a House of Commons dehate on Palestine, Sidney Silverman pleaded for an official recognition of the Hagana. Winding up the debate, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin reiterated that until May 15, 1948, Britain would retain the sole responsibility for Palestine law and order.

25 years ago: On December 14. 1972. The Jerusalem Post reported that speaking in Haifa. Defense Minister Moshe Davan said that Israel must not leave anything to chance in any peace arrangement with the Arab states.

Ten more Arabs were arrested on suspicion of being members of the Jewish-Arab-Syrian espionagesabotage ring. They brought to 46 the number of persons held in this

Alexander Zvielli



Adams and Arafat

ast week's meeting hetween British Prime Minister Tony Blair and head of the Sinn Fein organization. Gerry Adams, displays many similarities with the first meeting between prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palesunian Authority (then Palestinian Organization) Liberation

Chairman, Yasser Arafat. Both Gerry Adams and Yasser Arafat were leaders of terrorist organizations, responsible for the bombings of buses, town centers and the indiscriminate murder of innocent civilians. Both were sworn to removing what they saw as oppressive governments of occupation - the British in Northern Ireland and Israel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip - hy any means available. And both were, for decades, outlawed not only by the British and Israeli governments, hut by a great deal of the international community.

Until recently, neither of these men, nor their colleagues, were allowed to enter the United States, while in the case of Gerry Adams, his voice was not allowed to be heard on British television.

In both Israel and Britain, governments changed and new attempts were made to create a dialogue between hitter enemies. aimed at achieving conflict resolution and an end to violence. As hard as it was for the Israeli public to swallow the first meetings and handshakes between Rabin and Arafar, it is no easier for the majority of the British public to accept the notion of Gerry Adams visiting the British capital and being invited to No. 10 Downing inis goes even turine than the treatment meted out to Arafat, who, with the exception of a condolence visit to the Rabin family, has not yet been made welcome inside Israel itself.

Not everybody has come out against such meetings. The propeace camp in Israel recognizes that for a just solution to be reached to the Israel-Palestinian problem, there is little choice hut to hold direct talks with the ulti-

magine a Sunday morning

without hreathless news bul-

once having to discuss Bibi and

Barak with the neighbor across the

fence who's unhurriedly trimming

Space, physical space has some-thing to do with the problem. We

don't have enough of it. We're lit-

erally on top of one another. Heaven forbid developers and city

planners from allocating more than

two inches of park space per 1,000

families or more than three meters

between apartment buildings. Even

the hig American superstores that

have come to Israel undergo a

transformation. Their aisles are

half the width of the mother stores

Roads always are jammed here

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proposals, there will be no further movement on the path to conflict resolution. Equally, the British government have finally reached an understanding that, like him or not, it is Gerry Adams and the Sinn Fein leadership who will ultimately decide if any real progress is to be made towards ending the equally hitter cycle of

There are many similarities between last week's meeting of Tony Blair and Gerry Adams with the first meeting between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat

violence in Northern Ireland. THE comparison of the Israel-Palestine and the Britain-Northern Ireland situations does not stop there. Britain forcefully colonized Ireland some five hundred years ago, since when it has ruled parts of this island as part of the United Kingdom. The Irish rebellion against continued colonial rule eventually brought about the creation of the Irish Free State (now the Republic of Ireland) in 1921, leaving the six northern provinces and their Protestant loyalist majority as part of the United Kingdom, effectively parditioning Ireland into two separate ucal enunes It is questionable as to whether

Britain's conquest of Ireland bundreds of years ago is any more legal or moral than Israel's conquest of the West Bank in 1967, hut like so many other cases of colonialism it happened in a predemocracy, pre-media era, when the rule of law was set by the mighty and powerful, not hy any international organization or human rights watchdog. The fact that one group has lived there longer than the other does not, of

itself, provide any greater moral right to continued residence, although it does make it much more difficult to propose an acceptable form of conflict reso-

The latter part of the twentieth century has been a period of decolonization. National groups are no longer prepared to be ruled hy outside powers. They are demanding, and in large part have been successful in obtaining, self determination and national independence. While this is easier to comprehend in cases where the colonial power is ruling a distant colony (such as the British in Africa or India) it is much more difficult to relinquish territories which are located in one's own geographical backyard - such as the West Bank or Northern Ireland.

These territories are not perceived as colonies, hut rather as a territorial extension of the mainland territory of the mother country. It is thus much harder for the majority population to come to terms with the idea that the indigenous residents of these territories aspire to their own national independence and sovereignty.

It is to be hoped bowever, that the dialogue between the British government and the Sinn Fein-IRA, will not meet the sort of ohstacles which the Israel-Palestinian peace process has run into. Once begun, the dialogue must continue. The Netanyahu administration may bave succeeded in slowing the process down, but it is unable to turn the clock back as though the Rabin-Arafat meetings never took place. In Britain 100, a new era of potenconflict dawned. No doubt, the road ahead will be bumpy and will experience many ups and downs. But Prime Minister Blair is to be applauded for his brave initiative aimed at bringing an end to violence and meaningless slaughter of innocents.

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Chill out

DAVID WEINBERG

Letins about the "clash" scheduled to take place later that day in a "critical" cabinet meeting. too, and no-one abides hy the three-second keep-your-distance Imagine a lazy hrunch without Shelly Yehimovitch's ideological rule. By contrast, take a drive down Canada's husiest 16-lane artery - Highway 401 in Toronto. Even at rush hour, when traffic harping in the background. Imagine a day when everybody in this country leaves everybody else crawls, no one taileates.

Psychological space is the deeper difficulty. We relentlessly intrude on each other's lives. Yes, psychological relief from the intense, in-your-face, con-frontational, ideologically-driven There's no refuge of calm from the world we Israelis live in is possible - but you've got to go abroad to get it. Life in New York. London or Tokyo can be pretty fast-paced too. suggest an hut it's hard to emulate the conattempt to tame the stant, unrelenting kasach of Israeli Israeli temperament

society. We're constantly at each by introducing civic. other's throats. The palpable tension whacks you secular holidays like across the face the second you return from a trip abroad, as I just have. Everything here is political or doctrinaire. From schooling to Thanksgiving, or Golda's Birthday vacations to which hechsher you one each month trust and what radio station you listen to. Wouldn't it be nice to leisurely rake the leaves, without

cauldron of ideological conflict. Some people don't have enough room on their cars for all the political bumper stickers they need in order to shove their pet perspective or multiple perspectives up your nose. We're not content to believe in things, Israelis are compelled to project their beliefs into every last corner of the public space. And if you don't like my way of life, there's always recourse to the Supreme Court so that it will tell me on your behalf what my value system ought to, and must, be.

PERHAPS we don't know how to relax of to step back from the great national skirmishing because, in this society, there's little time to do

so. We need to slow down the pace of society by creating more enforced leisure time. I suggest an attempt to tame the Israeli temperament hy introducing civic, secular holidays like Thanksgiving, Washington or Golda's Birthday, Victoria or Ben-Gurion Day - one each month. Soon thereafter, Sunday's-off should be instituted. along with afternoon football, Walt Disney at 6 p.m., and an obligatory evening barbecue.

No news media would be allowed to publish or broadcast on this holy day of tranquility. The vegging-out or peace of mind

would be therapeutic.

Love your neighbor by giving him space is in fact a Jewish value. The Jerusalem Talmud tells of worshipers coming to the Temple, who kept a distance from one another when bowing before God. so that one could not overhear another's pleadings before Heaven. Rashi teaches that the gentile prophet Bilam was referring to the fact that Israelite tents were arrayed such that none peered into the next - when Bilam exclaimed: "How goodly are your tents O Israel." And one of God's names is makom - space or place. "It is not man who bonors the makom; rather makom honors man, says the midrash Mechilta. Either way you interpret this aphorism, space means dignity.

As a people, we've got to stop breathing down each other's necks and chill out. Since tolerance doesn't grow on trees around here, it's time to give ourselves some space. and learn to wrap ourselves around relaxation, instead of confronta-

The writer comments on public affairs.

False testimony

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Tor three consecutive days,

The Boston Globe featured front-page headlines expos-ing a pattern of police "testilying" in Boston, Several years ago, when I publicized the issue of testilying. police picketed my office and called on Harvard to fire me. Now even the police commissioner acknowledges that "a handful" of police officers provide false testi-mony. But the problem is not limited to a few bad apples. It is a systemic problem that would not be possible without the complicity of

prosecutors and judges.
The Mollen Commission, which studied the problem of testilying in New York, concluded that many otherwise decent police officers "commit falsification to serve what they perceive to be 'legitimate' law enforcement ends - and for ends that many honest and corrupt officers alike stuhbornly defend as correct.

"In their view, regardless of the legality of the arrest, the defendant is in fact guilty and ought to be arrested. Officers reported a litany of manufactured tales.

"For example, when officers unlawfully stop and search a vehicle because they believe it contains drugs or guns, officers will falsely claim in police reports and under oath that the car ran a red light... and that they subsequently saw

contraband in the car in plain view. To conceal an unlawful search of an individual who officers believe is carrying drugs or a gun. they will falsely assert that they saw a bulge in the person's pocket or saw drugs and money changing hands. To justify unlawfully entering an apartment where officers believe narcotics or cash can be found, they pretend to have information from an unidentified civilian informant. To arrest people they suspect are guilty of dealing drugs, they falsely assert that the defendants had drugs in their possession when, in fact, the drugs were found elsewhere, where the officers had no right to be." The

The problem of pervasive police perjury is rampant in every major city in America

evidence also showed that "commanding officers not only tolerated, but encouraged, this unlawful practice." The commission quoted the following testimony of a police officer: "Question: Now you just said there was a supervisor or a nani who joked about (poli falsification) in your presence?

"Officer: That's correct, sir. Scenarios were, were you going to say (a) that you observed what appeared to be a drug transaction; (b) you observed a hulge in defendant's waistband; or (c) you were informed by a male hlack, unidentified at this time, that at the location there were drug sales.

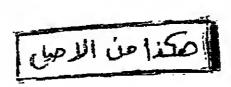
"Question: So, in other words, what the lieutenant was telling you is: 'Here's your choice of false predicates for these arrests'?

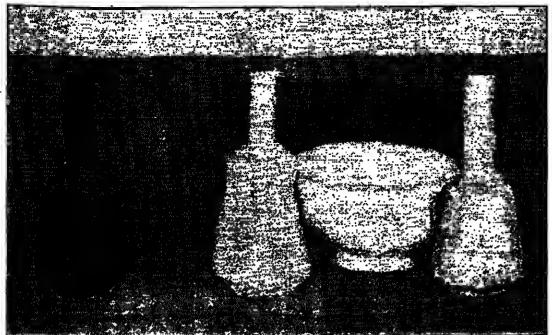
"Officer: That's correct. Pick which one you're going to use." A police witness for an earlier commission said that "cops are almost taught how to commit perjury when they are in the police academy," and that they are subtly encouraged to lie hy some prosecutors.

THE problem of pervasive police perjury is rampant in every major city in America.

McNamara – the former police chief of San Jose, Calif., and Kansas City, Mo., who had previously worked as a beat cop in New York for many years - recently said that he had "come to believe that hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers commit felony perjury every year testifying about drug arresis." As McNamara explains, these testiliars are otherwise "law-abiding and dedicated" cops, not bribetakers or excessive-force users. They don't feel lying under oath is wrong because politicians tell them they are engaged in a 'holy war' fighting evil. Then, too, the 'enemy' these mostly white cops are testifying against are poor hlacks and Latinos." The former police commissioner of Boston and New York, William Bratton, agrees that "testilying" is a serious problem. But he places the responsibility more at the feet of prosecutors than politicians: "When a prosecutor is really determined to win, the trial prep procedure may skirt along the edge of coercing or leading the police witness. In this way, some impressionable young cops learn to tailor their testimony to the requirements of the law." The time bas come for an objective, nationwide study of testilying. It should not be limited to the police - who are often scapegoated for a problem that is caused as much by prosecutors and judges who tolerate testilying as it is by the police who engage in it.

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Giorgio Morandi: Still Life, oils, 1954 which doubled its estimate to reach £243,500 at Sotheby's







The two loves of Jewish law student Edith Hahn, who helped her survive inside the Third Reich. Werner Vetter, (left) the Nazi party member who married her knowing she was Jewish and had false papers. Edith's true love was Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld (center) of Vienna, who helped her with

Survivor buys archive for Holocaust Museum

The letters and personal papers of prewar Viennese Jewish law student Edith Hahn, which document her survival inside Hitler's Third Reich and her wartime marriage to a Nazi party member, described in this column last week, sold for £100,500 at Someby's London sale of documents on December 5. Most of the wartime correspondence was between Dr. Hahn and her first love, Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld.

Hahn has lived in Israel for more than a decade. Her archive, offered for sale by her London domiciled daughter, more than tripled its best estimate. It was bought by an American businessman, Dalck Feith, and his colleague Drew Lewis, who plan to donate it for permanent display at the Holocaust Museum in Washington. As a boy, Feith was also hunted by the Nazis and managed to survive, but his parents, four sisters and three

A SALE of Old Masters paintings at Sotheby's London last week broke an eight-year-old record for a single session in this field, reaching £28.6m. Top prices were achieved by two pairs of Venetian scenes by Canaletto, which attracted spirited phone bidding from around the world. The first pair topped its best estimate at £3.85m., while the second pair sold for over £5m. (best estimate £4m.).

Individual auction records were also set by a Salomon van Ruysdael (£2.3m.); David Teniers the Younger (£1.1m.); Isack van Ostade (£2.2m.); and Pieter Breughel the Younger (£1.98m.). A very handsome Van Dyck of Prince Charles Louis was sold below its lowest estimate at

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£771,500. Of the 95 paintings, only 17 failed to reach their reserve. In a jittery financial world, top quality canvases by established historical names appear increasingly gilt-edged.

THE NEW YORK sale by

Sotheby's of American (not contemporary) paintings December 3 also achieved an auction record in ' this field with a total of \$43.65m. Bidding was energetic for John Singer Sargent's In the Garden, Corfu, which went up to \$8.3m. A similar sum was achieved by a group of five other Sargent oils. A Sante Fe gallery paid a record \$3.6m. for Georgia O'Keefe's major oil, From the Plains, three es its best estimate. Another record was set for Stuart Davis when his proto-Pop Art, Odol reached \$2.44m., double its best estimate. Frederic Remington's bronze, The Wicked Pony achieved an expected \$2.7m. while Edward Hopper's first lighthouse oil just topped its best estimate at \$1.26m. A group of 21 naive drawings by the late one-time slave Bill Traylor went well over its estimate at \$777,700.

THE WORKING manuscript for two late clarinet sonatas, the most important Brahms manuscript ever to come on the market, was sold at Sotheby's in London this month for a world auction record of £441,500. It was bought by a London dealer. As reported earlier, the sonatas were written for the

greatest clarinetist of the day, Richard Muhlfeld, who worked on the manuscript with Brahms and suggested a number of the clearly marked revisions.

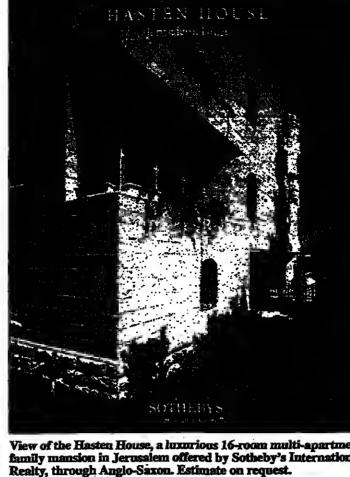
AN ISRAELI mansion is featured

for the first time by Sotheby's International Realty and is the subject of a special color brochure. The Hasten House near Mount Herzl and the Jerusalem Forest, built in 1988 for an American banking family, has 16 fully air--conditioned rooms, four kitchens and nine bathrooms and is fully furnished. All doors and windows have electrically operated shutters. The first, second and third floors have gardens, and there is an elevator. An audio-visual monitor controls access to all doors. The local agent is Anglo-Saxon. Viewing and financial details are strictly by appointment.

FINEST privately-held group of works by the late Italian "metaphysical" painter Giorgio Morandi (1890-1964), all from the Jose Luiz and Beatriz Plaza Collection, was a sellout at Sotheby's London last Tuesday. The 27 small works sold for £6.73m., more than double their estimate. A still life of bread and fruit went for a record £793,500

(\$1.3m). The works were purchased by German, French, Japanese and American bidders.

A lifelong resident of Bologna, where he first studied and later tanght, Morandi developed one of the purchased but idiagraments in the most gentle but idiosyncratic sig-nature styles in the history of 20thcentury painting, particularly notable in his tabletop still life, in which he used the same family of objects over and over again but with-



View of the Hasten House, a luxurious 16-room multi-apartment family mansion in Jerusalem offered by Sotheby's International



An Attic Black-Figure Neck-Amphora circa 510-500 BCE, to be sold at Christie's New York sale of autiquities this Thursday (\$50,000-\$70,000)

£683,500, well above its best esti-

mate, for a magnificent Jawlensky

portrait, also reproduced in this col-

unn together with a Blane Reiter oil

by Heinrich Campendonk, which sold well at £441,500, again to a German dealer. An early Kandinsky landscape passed its best estimate at an unexpected £529,500, paid by a private collector. At the first evening

of this sale of impressionist, German

and Austrian art, only 16 of the 24

lots sold, but their sale totaled over

out ever appearing to repeat himself. hoped-for £4m. All the above went Each oil was a rediscovery of space to private collectors while, as we varied brand of chalky color.

The Plazas, from Venezuela, began purchasing works directly from Morandi's studio in 1949. The works in their collection date from the early '40s to the nearabstract still life and include a number of Morandi's through-thewindow landscapes and several flower pieces. This was the last occasion on which they could be viewed together.

A PICASSO oil of a man and woman reproduced in this column last week sold for close to its top estimate of £1.5m. at Sotheby's London a week ago. A tree in autumn by Gustav Kliimt passed its low estimate at £3,3m., while a Matisse still life was let go below its estimate at £2.75m., nowhere near a

Top slang dudes give us the low-down a place you would look."

Book Review



keeps the tongue loose. With slang, language has flair, spice, humor, sass, personality. Without slang, language is a long talk with Prince Charles.

Could we communicate sans slang? Sure. But would we want

Check this out: You can observe sudden turmoil, or you can watch "it hit the fan." You can be extremely stylish, or you can be "mackadocious." You can ask for a cigarette, or you can burn a "lung-duster." And if yon WHAT SETS Lighter's work apart from the numerous other slang dictionaries published over the years is that it is the first to employ a comprehensive histori-

cal approach.
While any slang dictionary can tell you "holy roller" is a disparaging term for a member of a Pentecostal church, Lighter traces the word from its first recorded use in 1841 when it was applied to a religious sect called Sweezyites who were noted for rolling about on the floor.

Or take the 13 pages of cita-tions devoted to the "f-word" in Volume L the most extensive entry so far.

By following words as they evolve, Lighter is able to provide us with context, as well as insights into our history and culture. This, coupled with the actual slang itself, is what makes the Historical Dictionary of American Slang as entertaining as it is informative.

"Slang," according to semanticist S.I. Hayakawa, "Is the poetry of everyday

are so inclined. You can hang, hang out, hang tight, hang loose, hang tough, hang up, let it all hang out or hang one on — in which case, a little hair of the dog may be in order.

"Slang," according to semanti-cist S.I. Hayakawa, "is the poet-ry of everyday life." But because slang is low-brow, it was pretty much ignored by the linguistic high micky-doodles until the publication in 1994 of The Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang, Volume 1. Written by J.E. Lighter, an English professor at the University of Tennessee, and edited by Jesse Sheidlower, a senior editor at Random House, the dictionary documented virtually every legitimate American slang word from A to

third and final volume due out in

Lighter started collecting slang as a hobby more than a quartercentury ago. Eventually, he began scrupulously documenting the history of tens of thousands

Although language is his life, Lighter does not speak to the media. That task is left to Sheidlower, who shares Lighter's to explain how they researched the book.

"You try to read anything that has the likelihood of containing slang," Sheidlower says. "Yon. look in dictionaries, glossaries of slang, counterculture novels,

military books. ...

"You also watch television, movies, jot down things you've heard on the street. Basically, you try and look in places that will give you slang. A Henry James novel, for example, is not

"Studying language historical-ly not only answers questions such as what words were used in which era," says Sheidlower, "but also addresses deeper social issues, such as when black English began to have an impact on the language, or how inducting millions of Americans into the military during the 20th century affected the way we speak."

BUT JUST what is slang? "Our view is that you bave Standard English and informal English," says Sheidlower, and

slang is a subset of informal English.
"But it is hard to define. Our working definition is that it is nonstandard, nontechnical English composed chiefly of novel sounding synonyms for standard expressions.

Volume II (H to O) was "For something to be slang, it released earlier this fall, with the has to

nerd" – qualifies, But so does a "John Wayne": "Someone who approaches a sitnation with great force and little deliberation."

What slang is not, however, is jargon, which is the language of a particular group, or dialect, which is regional.

is that it is fluid, with new words being added all the time. "Any dictionary is obsolete as soon as it is published," Sheidlower

says. "We are always behind the times. I already have a foot-thick pile of index cards of words we may use in the addendum." Sheidlower's favorite word from the current volume?

"Millihelen," he says. "The amount of female beauty needed to launch one ship."

(The Hartford Courant)

The tip of the Antarctic iceberg



By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

esearchers are a peculiar breed. They are interested in one thing and one thing only - the subject of their research. This was certainly the case of Bill De la Mere, a researcher from Hobart who was part of the Australian Antarctic Division of studies. But then

something happened.

De La Mere was studying the whale catches around the edges of the ice-shelf of Antarctica. He was amazed because the place where he sat, just off the ice pack of Antarctica, was close to 65 degrees south, but he was reading a catch and a position that recorded the whalers in 1920 at the edge of the ice pack at 61 degrees south.

He didn't know what to make of it. After speaking to others in his section, he studied some 4,000 records of whalers from 1920 to 1996 who had all recorded their exact location and the edge of the ice-pack.



When he finished, De la Mere reached the conclusion that between 1920 and 1995, the Antarctic ice pack had shrunk by at least 5.65 million square kilometers. This loss represents at least 25 percent of the ice pack. That meant that this vast depletion had happened when no one was even look-

ing. But this is understandable. The ice pack around Antarctica is a wilderness - no special landmarks, no notations. Unless you plot the edges, you have no idea if

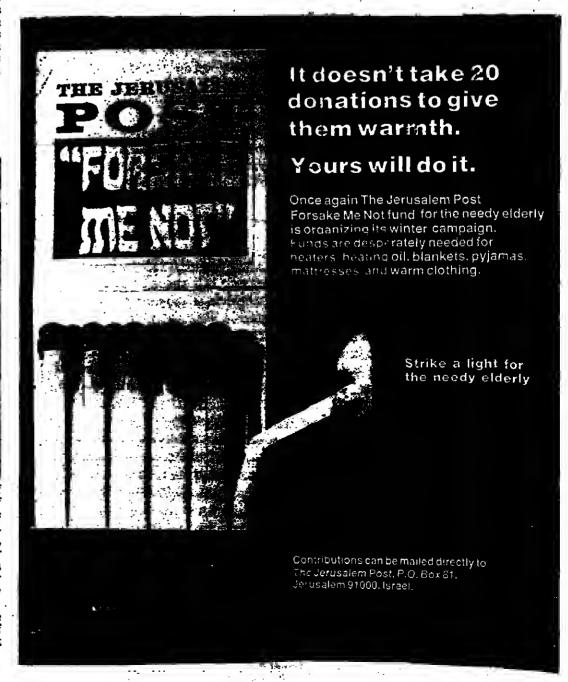
is dimensions are changing. And the fact was that, assuming that an ice pack is always an ice pack, no one ever thought to checkits size. But the researchers were preoc-

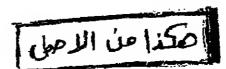
cupied by another factor. By taking the positions of whaling ships and the location they reported, they found that the greatest dwindling of the ice-pack occurred between 1931 and 1957 and again between 1972 and 1987. The problem is that these changes do not correspond with anything we

now know about the depletion of the ozone layer or the effects of global warming. The scientists are now examining other possibilities.

Is this a natural phenomenou, somewhat like the advance or retreat of the Ice Ages? Is this an advance marine warning of other climatic changes? What is really happening here?

One thing is certain. About one quarter of the ice pack of Antarctica has disappeared. What that means remains to be seen.





Beautiful bagels from your bread machine

The Japanese have driven the world mad with their invention of the Tamaguchi - the insidious electronic pet that beeps until it's fed, cleaned and amused by having its buttons pushed. But another Japanese invention - the bread machine - is not only practical but it beeps only when the loaf is ready.

Hong Kong and Korea have taken up the idea and are now manufacturing the bread machines en masse. The machines can now be bought here, and thousands of them have been sold in recent months. The sole importer is LDAM Trade Bread Makers Ltd., located at Moshav Tzofit in the

Until quite recently, many Israelis would have laughed at the suggestion of making their own bread. Standard bread was highly subsidized by the government, making it so cheap that it was used to feed livestock. Since then, state subsidies for most basic foods have ended, leading bakeries to offer a cornucopia of specialized

breads at premium prices. If you love bread but don't want to pay high prices, or want to avoid the preservatives and other chemicals that commercial bakeries may use, you might want to consider buying a bread machine. Since we bought ours, we still have to go to the grocery for bread, but less often, and there is the bonus of the heady smell of yeast dough pervading the kitchen and the satisfaction

of making something from scratch.

Married to a native Israeli who was raised on yeast-dough bread and cakes, but born in the US where baking a no-fuss torte is nearly enough reason to be named Mother of the Year, I hated the mess of mixing; kneading, waiting for the dough to rise, punching it down and again waiting for it to double its size and - worst of all cleaning up the kitchen after-wards. When frozen halla arrived here, giving me the chance to bake a fresh halla on Friday, I felt like a saint, but to make my own halla or

Before seeing it, I couldn't imagine how a bread machine managed to replace all the human toil. But it does.

It includes a detachable metal

(additional pans can be purchased) and a detachable metal kneading paddle that's inserted in the bottom, much like the whirling blades Of a blender. There is a single electric coil surrounding the base that does the heating and baking; it uses no more than 600 watts of electricity during the peak-demand baking stage (which takes about an hour), only 80 watts dur-ing the kneading stage and no power when the dough rests

(which is much of the time). The various options - for dough, basic bread, whole-wheat bread and quick bread - are chosen by pressing the "select" button as many times as required to show up on the digital screen; it would have been better designed if the options were listed on the top of

SHIMRIT semi-active yeast, the most convenient form available here, is the best for use in a bread machine - much better than cubes bread pan with a non-stick surface of dry yeast. One may use white flour, whole-wheat flour, or com-bread flour, instead of butter, margarine is a realistic option and instead of the dried-milk powder required for some recipes, you can substitute pareve powdered "milk."

The loaf pan holds about 700 grams of bread, which is a bit less than a conventional loaf sold in the shops. The bread comes out in a rectangular shape, wider than store-bought bread. You can increase the amount of flour and other ingredients to make the loaf rise above the top, but make stre that the wet dough doesn't drop into the baking chamber around the bread pan. The liquid ingredients must always be placed into the bread pan first, followed by the dry ingredients that float on top. Scratch an indentation in the

before it's ready.

To make basic bread, you need . I.1 cups of lukewarm water, 3 cups of white flour, 3 tablespoons of sugar, 1.5 tablespoons of milk powder, 1.5 teaspoons of salt. 1.5 tablespoons of butter or margarine and 2 tablespoons of yeast. Press the selector button according . to the type of bread (whole wheat takes a bit longer) and in three hours and 35 minutes you have a loaf of fresh bread. You can choose either a dark or light crust.

A plastic measuring cup and a tablespoon measure come with the machine. There is a timer that allows you to delay baking for up-to 13 hours: put the ingredients in at night and there's fresh bread ready for your breakfast.

Once you've mastered basic bread, try carrot-orange, applesauce-cinnamon, multi-grain, oatmeal, milk, sour cream, pesto, cottage cheese, rye, apple oat, Italian wheat, halla, mocha java, bran,

cocoa-filled yeast cake seemed the machine in separate rows, so dry ingredients to deposit the yeast peanut, sunflower, mutty olive, serves: For strawberry, merely put the user needed to click only once. so it doesn't reach the liquid pear, chocolate chip, honey or any an equal amount of bernies and other types of bread you fancy.

Since the bread cuts thickly into about six slices, the bread machine won't replace the need for bought broad if you have to make sandwiches for a lot of children - unless you make two or three loaves a day. The importer says the company in the Far East makes a larger version with a giant-sized bread pan, but since the price is NIS 2,500, it is impractical to import it here.

Any dough that shouldn't be baked in a loaf form can easily be prepared in the machine and removed unbaked. Then you just roll it out, shape it and bake it in your oven. I made an excellent chocolate-filled yeast cake this way; you can try the croissants, bagels and French baguettes. Another option enables you to make quick breads with baking powder instead of yeast: nut bread, Mexican com bread, banana mit bread and honey nut spice bread are some of the possibilities.

an equal amount of berries and sugar and press the "dough" selection. One can also make rice this way in 40 minutes, although it seems to me that cooking it on the stove would be just as good.

The importers enclose the original English-language booklet, but n is aimed at an American audience and doesn't take into account Israeli raw materials and tastes. The original Hebrew translation was very inadequate, poorly printed and confusing, but it has been replaced by a much better version that even advises how to cut the bread to get square, rectangular or triangular shapes.

Just don't go overboard and eat too much homemade bread, Perhaps the importer would consider offering a special deal and throw in an exercise bicycle for working off the excess calories.

The RobocheftNovac bread machine is sold for NIS 996 at The Jerusalem Post's book department



A Tel Aviv firm is offering a simple system that allows people to design their own CD-ROM

Israel tops in hardware, too



the Israeli computer industry is best known for its excellence in software, not hardware. But now PC Magazine-Israel has credited an Israeli-made computer with a world record in performance.

Twenty Israeli companies, presenting 40 computers, took part in a competition run by the magazine and held as part of the recent Infotech '97 exhibition; it was the second time that these tests were carried out in Israel.

There were four categories: Pentium MMX workstations; Pentium II (Windows NT) workstations: 3-D workstations: and notebook computers. The computers were all required to run a series of standard testing programs developed by the Ziff-Davis Labs to test the speed of the various computer systems.

The Pentium II (300 MHz) and 3-D computers made by Newron and Contact - manufactured here by the EIM company (which has an agreement with the Intel Corporation) - came

out on top.

The editors of PC Magazine-Israel criticized the tendency of Israeli organizations to prefer imported computers over "blue

"We are against giving denigrating labels to local manufacturers only because of unfair provincialism. We don't understand the awe in which some government decision-makers

regard imported PCs," they

They added that "Intel-Israel can develop the processors of the future, half-a-dozen development centers belonging to international communications companies were established here only in the last year, and Israeli Internet innovatious can drive Wall Street crazy. So when one deals with the relatively

PC, suddenly the doubts begin." MAKE YOUR OWN . CD LABEL

simple technology for building a

A Tel Aviv company is offering a simple system that allows people at home and the office to design CD-ROM labels. The Espaguil CD-Labeler includes a computer program for designing the color labels, special peel-off paper for making 50 labels and a wooden device that helps you center the label on the face of the disk. Offices that store data on CD-ROMs can thus label the contents, while gifts of disks can be personalized with the recipient's name. For more information, call (03) 946-9589 or fax

ON THE BRINK IN 2000 A collapse of state computer systems is liable to occur in . 2000 due to inadequate preparations by government agencies

for coping with the new digits, according to Knesset Science and Technology Committee chairman MK Dalia Itzik.

At a recent committee session devoted to the computer problem, "a picture of neglect in all services, including the most vital," was presented, Itzik said.

To save memory in the past, computers were programmed with only the last two digits of 20th-century dates, thus, in the 21st, centenarians are likely to be invited to get vaccinations in family health centers soon after their "birth" and young people entitled to financial benefits will be considered "unborn." There are also widespread implications for the military and financial

sectors. The committee members heard experts note that irreversible damage to the economy could be the result of the neglect. It could cause an "administrative, economic and security catastrophe," she said. "The government unst

All speakers agreed that the problems cannot be solved fully by January I, 2000, and that the government would first have to choose the most vital computer services to reprogram. Although it seems a simple problem, Itzik said that fixing it is complex and

very expensive. The Knesset committee will follow up the government's preparations for 2000 through a new subcommittee headed by MK Alex Lubotzky, legislation on the issue is not being ruled.

Dr. Doolittle of the turtle world

By DONALD P. BAKER

The orange-and-white ambulance pulled out of the hospital driveway in Marathon, Florida, lights flashing, and streaked along busy Overseas Highway to a spot near the edge of the aqua-marine waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where a small crowd had gathered.

Driver Richie Moretti and a volunteer helper scurried to the shoreline and enlisted the aid of gawking tourists to lift the injured, 120-kilo patient onto a stretcher and carry it back to the ambulance.

It was a typical run for the crew from the Turtle Hospital, whose Rescue, Rehabilitation, Release" credo is emblazoned on the side of a van that serves as its emergency vehicle.

Moretti, an anto mechanic turned animal benefactor, is the founder and moving force behind the hospital, a one-of-a-kind medical center housed in a former

bar in the Florida Keys.
The 53-year-old New Jersey native, who made a small fortime repairing Volkswagens in an Orlando shop that grew to 120 workers, cashed in at age 40, after being jolted with chest pains, and moved to the tranquil Keys, looking forward to a life of

"I came to kill fish and stayed to save animals," Moretti noted wryly. Although he has no special training in caring for turtles - his formal education ended after high school in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey - he employs techniques similar to those that made him successful in the auto repair busi-

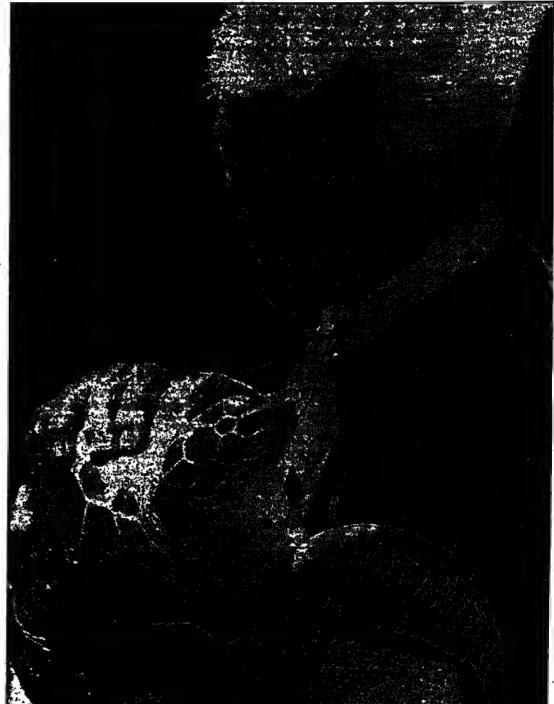
"The turtles come in broken, just like the cars did," he explained. "I used to hire the best mechanics; now I find the best vets, and instead of buying parts, we buy medicine."

Moretti's hands-on experience often causes his professionally trained friends to marvel at his inventiveness: When he found a small, rare turtle with a bowel obstruction, he fed it Metamucil and took it for bouncy rides in a golf cart until the problem

The wiry, ponytailed Moretti and his hospital are known by turtle researchers around the world because "Richie just doesn't fix busted turtles and release them, but makes the hospital available for experimental work," said Larry Herbst, a veterinarian at New York's Albert Einstein

School of Medicine. Much of the research at the hospital these days has focused on a tamorous disease, fibropapillomas, that is threatening loggerhead and green sea turtles around the world

Although no cause has been found, scientists say two suspects are man-made - global warming and pollution caused by agricultural and industrial wastewater. Tumors have been found on green



Turtles around the world are being threatened by a tumorous disease that scientists suspect is caused by global warming and pollution from agricultural and and industrial wastewater. (UPPA)

sea turties as far away as Brazil, Indonesia and Australia. But other turtles have been affected,

Last year, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection reported that 10 percent of live loggerhead turtles caught in Florida Bay had

tumous. The low-lying islands and reefs that make up the Florida Keys are an ideal location for gathering samples for the research because the carnivorous loggerheads thrive on fish in the Atlantic Ocean while the herbivorous greens devour the grasses in the Gulf of Mexico, two bodies of water separated here by only

about 100 meters. Moretti began to see the tumors

about 10 years ago. At first, the filled with salt water from the infected turtles had single tumors, but soon there were multiple ngly masses that covered the turtles' eyes, making it impossible for them to find food and dooming them to a slow, agonizing death.

On one day recently, tumors were removed from 18 of the

giant reptiles at the Tartle Hospital. Moretti air-mailed the excised tumors to a lab at the University of Florida and then he began the yearlong process of nursing the turtles back to health. "It takes about a year for a turtle to starve to death," Moretti said, adding that others nurtles drowned from the weight of tumors on the back of their necks. The hospital's rehabilitation ward is a former swimming pool

gulf. Around the edge of the pool are a dozen smaller tanks, each occupied by one or two turtles either in the early stages of recovery or being raised as lab animals. Some of the turtles, which can live 100 years, will never leave the pool, because they are missing a fin or are otherwise vulnerable in the

Others are returned to their natural habitat after a year under Moretti's care.

On those rare occasions, Moretti said, "I get the vet the staff and anyone who helped in the rescue, and we go out, put the animal overboard and crack open a bottle of champagne."

(The Washington Post)

Silicon Valley's innovative head-hunting reaches the sky

By RAITY CHANDRASEKARAN

Billboards scream "Work for Us," while employers make their pitches on almost every radio station and before the previews at movie theaters. Hawaiian vacations are given to employees who lure their friends away from competitors. California's Silicon Valley faces a shortage of technology workers, forcing fastgrowing companies here to think up a surplus of creative ways to so tough that you've got to do recruit them.

Now it appears that not even

the sky is the limit.

Berkeley earlier this month, three large technology companies copied a promotional strategy long used by local car dealers and plumbers: They hired bi-planes to buzz the stadium toting banners advertising jobs. One of them, Bay Networks Inc., which makes computer networking devices, urged the more than 80,000 fans to "Score a Job" by visiting the company's Web site.

"Finding talent in the Valley is something different to get noticed," said David Honse, Bay Networks' chief executive. At the annual football game Despite such stunts, Bay, like between Stanford University and many other large technology the University of California at firms in this area, still has "hun-

dreds of unfilled jobs," he said. The tech-worker shortage is "a major national problem," said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Asso-ciation of America. The shortage is also showing up in tech centers such as Austin, Seattle, Denver, Washington D.C. and

Raleigh-Durham. His group has assembled a task force with the US Commerce and Education departments to propose solutions.

The ITAA estimates there are at least 190,000 vacant jobs in the information technology industry. For Silicon Valley, projections of the shortage's severity vary, but several experts and its Web site who are coming

In the communities a few miles north and south of Palo Alto, the worker deficit has been affecting some of the industry's higgest names - including Intel Corp., Cisco Systems Inc., Netscape Communications Corp. and Oracle Corp. - as well as a generation of fledgling start-ups.

At Cisco, which makes the hardware that runs much of the Internet, there are 400 unfilled positions, said Barbara Beck, the company's vice president of human resources.

One of Cisco's recent recruitment tactics: targeting visitors to can make such a determination). "If we saw someone coming from one of our rivals, instead of showing them the page that said 'Welcome to Cisco' and listed our products, we routed them to another site that said, "Welcome to Cisco, would you like a job?"
Beck said. "If someone is aggressive enough to try to

check up on their competitor, we figure we could use that person." Cisco and other large companies have been recruiting heavily

outside the area, using the Valley's comfortable climate and proximity to San Francisco as selling points. Outside competi-

studies have pegged the figure at more than 50,000 jobs. from a competitor's computer tors frequently mention the system (monitoring equipment area's high housing prices and seemingly perpetual traffic congestion.

Netcentives Inc. of San Francisco uses a tactic found at many smaller companies - giving stock to new employees, whose shares could be worth millions if the firm becomes publicly traded.

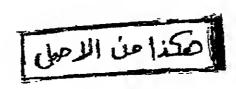
The tiny start-up, which has developed technology to reward Internet shoppers with frequentflier miles, pitches itself as a more exciting place to work than

an established company. Using options, the lure of stimulating work and at least 100,000 frequent-flier miles as a signing

bonus, Netcentives' chief execu-tive, West Shell III, has expanded his company from 15 people in July to 40 today, but he still has five vacancies for software engineers. Those unfilled jobs have forced the company to slow deployment of its software, he

And while Shell is trying to entice new employees, headhunters are after the ones he already has. "I'm getting people coming into my office and saying, 'I just turned down a \$200,000 offer,' "he said. "That won't last for long. I know for a fact my people are going to get stolen soon."

(The Washington Post)



Fighting for greater independence

ife has dealt Valerie Owen a difficult hand. The 26-yearfold woman was born healthy in Beersheba, but at six, a generic disease called progressive unuscular dystrophy began to present its symptoms. She was condemned forever to sitting in a wheelchair and now is attached to a respirator

every night when she sleeps.
But Valerie is a fighter. Moving at 17 to the Israel Association for Handicapped Children Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood, she finished high school and sought work. After insisting that she was qualified to become a telephonist at Bezeq International's Narkiss Street branch - enlisting help from a disabled rights' organization when company managers were reluctant - she was finally allowed to take a test and accepted for the job.

She met Simon Owen, a British male nurse who came to volunteer at the bostel, and after a while, they decided to get married. Now Valerie (who has two brothers disabled by the same condition), and Simon are moving into a Prazot public-housing apartment a few blocks away in the same neighborhood. But their difficulties are not over. Her job is not secure and the government's subsidy for disabled people living in the community is only half that of those it ing in institutions like the Gilo home.

Nissan Gali, a 39-year-old former Tel Avivian, was born with cerebral palsy, as was his wife, Rinat, who comes from Herzliya. Both seriously disabled and able to get around only in wheelchairs, they met at Ilan's sheltered workshop in the capital's German Colony and married four years ago. Nissan learned how to operate a computer and produces the Gilo home's printed materials, using advanced graphics programs in Hebrew and English. He is also a member of the elected residents' committee. Rinat embroiders

quilts in the home's work room. Valerie, Nissan and Rinat are not angry for being left out of the independent life we all take for granted. "I was born this way; I'm used. to it," shrugs Nissan, his eyes nevertheless showing a far-off look as if he thinks about how things could There is a long waiting list for Ilan hostels and other facilities that provide support and activities for the disabled. On Tuesday, schoolchildren across the country will knock on doors to raise NIS 2.5 million for Ilan's March of Prutot campaign to expand its services, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports

have been different. "There are some angry people in the home, people who don't do much all day except eat, sleep and watch TV, but we're not among them."

Asher Harris, a social worker

who was director of rehabilitation for the Jerusalem Municipality and helped plan the lian home, has been its director since it opened a decade ago. The building is attractive and well planned: six floors facing a magnificent view northward towards Malha and the center of town, arched picture windows, pretty niches, 68 beds in single and double rooms, a gym, synagogue, kiosk, library and dental elinic. The Gilo home, built by llan and maintained by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, has an annual budget of NIS 7.5 million and tries to make residents feet at home. So far, the home - located at 30 Tzvia and Yitzhak Street - is the largest of its kind. Ilan also maintains a 64-bed hostel for disabled adults in Netanya, a 25-bed facility in Jerusalem's San Simon quarter, and the Beit Tamar home for disabled children in Jerusalem. Named in honor of Tamar Kollek who has been very active in Ilan for decades, Beit Tamar is being forced to move from the shadow of the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza to a new site on Mt. Scopus because of road-building plans in the area. Ilan also hopes to build an 80-bed hostel in Kiryat Haim outside Haifa.

There are 150 seriously disabled adults around the country who are waiting for beds in Ilan facilities. While half suffer from cerebral palsy, others have spina bifida, multiple sclerosis or other neuromuscular disorders and need help

dressing, bathing, going to the toi-let and in their daily routines. Some study outside, while the most independent have a job at a sbeltered workshop or another place of work. Many families are

> "Soldiers who were disabled get help from the state and road-accident victims receive compensation from insurance companies. But those disabled by Illness have no such help"

in close contact with residents, and some of the rooms are impressively equipped with TV sets and stere-os, which their families bought for

The staff are warm and caring, and they are assisted by volunteers from Germany and Denmark and religious teenagers doing their national service. There are trips around Jerusalem and out of town, swimming sessions in the Ilanot school, drama and tai chi classes, a newspaper, sessions with a psychologist and a social worker, par-ties to mark the holidays (for

variety of other activities. But it isn't like living in one's

Among the things that residents do to keep busy are making spiral notebooks decorated by the disbled, painting, weaving, sewing and working on a computer. Residents face three major problems: the lack of suitable employment and of public buses equipped to carry wheelchairs, and inadequate accessibility in public places for the wheelchair bound.

Ofer Sbpitzer, another Gilo home resident, went through Ilan's Ofakim kindergarten in Haifa, Ilanot School and Alyn Hospital's rehabilitation wing before being accepted to the Ilan residence. "At the end of my studies, I started to ask myself what I would do afterwards. I had boned to find work that would give me satisfaction, I joined the occupational department in the hostel. It's a solution better than sitting and doing nothing - but I can't hide the fact that the work bores me. I've been trying to find other work outside that I would like, but so far I've

The other problem is transporta-tion. The hostel has specially equipped minibuses that take residents to work or study, but the vehicles aren't available for single trips any time of the day or night. "Getting out at other times requires hiring a special van for NIS 40 or so each way, or a Yad Sarah "Nechonit" for NIS 20 in one direction." Only one resident who runs the in-house kiosk - is licensed to drive and has his own

Social worker Harris notes that Egged and the Transport Ministry



Residents of the Ilan hostel in Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood run the local kiosk.

prepared plans for launching special routes for buses with lifts for wheelchairs that would pass through Gilo. But despite serious discussions, the plan has become bogged down, apparently because taking on disabled passengers slows down the bus.

The government has done linle to ensure that disabled people can get decent jobs, even though there are tough laws in the US and Europe that allocate a certain percentage of positions for the handi-

Even if some workplace will give a disabled person a job, actually getting there is difficult, as most places of work are usually not accessible in a wheelchair. Dov Elimelech, the hostel's social

coordinator, notes that on a visit to Germany, be noticed that the disabled there were aggressive in their efforts to obtain equal opporrunities. "In some German institutions, the disabled see to it that even the psychologists and social workers who work there are disableo too," he says

"Many of the disabled here are too passive. They should fight for their rights, as consumers do abroad, but it's difficult to teach such independence.

There is a washing machine and drye on each floor of the home, and residents are required to get their dirty laundry together - even if they are unable to put the clothes in the machines themselves - to give them a feeling of independence. Some families resent this, saying everything should be done for residents, but Harris insists that teaching initiative is a healthier

These people, who have been disabled by illness, often from birth, bave the most difficult ôme," he explains, "Soldiers who were disabled in military service get a tremendous amount of help from the state, including personal belpers who care for them at home. Vicoms of road accidents receive financial compeosacon from insurance companies and can ; hire foreign workers to help them. But these disabled have no such assistance," Harris concludes. "That's why llan is determined to

How to watch television properly



By Post Health Reporter

always placed my TV set at eye level for viewing. I have now moved it to a lower position, i.e. looking down at the TV. However, this is not comfort-

able, and I find it a strain on the eyes. What is the best position for looking at TV - up, down, or at eye level? R.S., Oranit.

Prof. Giora Treister, chairof Sheba Hospital's Goldschleger. Eye Institute, replies:

The best position for watching TV is straight ahead, at eye level or what we call the "primary position." Moving one's eyes up and

down or to the sides is less comfortable than moving the face and neck, and even this can cause muscle strain. However, the angle of watch-

ing is less important than the distance between the TV set and the viewer.

It should be at least 2.5 to three meters away. It can be farther, but not closer.

The reason is that the eyes are strained less if you look at infinity - like the infinity range on your camera - instead of focusing for long periods on a closer object.

At infinity, your eyes don't have to carry out constant accommodation.

The amount of light in the room is also important to prevent eyestrain.

Having moderate light in the room will make the contrast better, but if it's completely dark, the eyes will become more sensitive to light and have to perform a partial dark adaptation; then the TV screen could temporarily blind the viewer. Having a soft light behind the TV is the best, while strong lights in front of the screen that reflect on it are the

I have been instructed by my hairdresser never to use conditioner on my hair after shampooing leven after dye has been used) because she says it

This advice seems to be con-



Too low and too close: The best position for watching TV is straight ahead, at eye level, with the set at least 2.5 to three meters away.

trary to what conditioners V.K., Kiryat Bialik.

Dr. Dov Stempler, a senior dermatologist at Assaf Harofeh Hospital, replies:

Your hairdresser is wrong. Conditioner is a fatty film that coats the hair, temporarily giving it more volume and gliring split ends together

it doesn't make nair thinner, either in the sense of causing bair to fall out or making it nar-

The effects lasts a day or two or until the next shampoo. Conditiones acesn't cure or harm anything, it has only a cosmetic effect.

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less? P.A., Jerusalem. Prof. Meir Shalit, director of the allergy unit in the clinicol immunology department of Hodassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, com-

If you're allergic to olive trees, it's better for you not to live near a grove of such trees. But pollen has been shown to travel great distances due to the wind, so there is no guarantee that you will be completely

relieved of the symptoms by

Your best alternative is to go to an allergist for desensitiza-

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Czechs inadvertently nip the bugs in the bud

By LAURIE BARRETT

PRAGUE - Unlike its neighbors in the former Soviet world, the Czech Republic not only performs the job of infection control well, it does it better than the US and virtually all Western European coun-

The Czech approach grew out of the 1968 reform movement known as the Prague Spring and flourished in surprising fashion under the subsequent Communist dictatorship. Only now, under capitalism, does it face strong challenges that threaten to dislodge the Eastero European nation from its enviable status.

Many anóbioocs that have been rendered useless in the US and former Soviet Union because of widespread drug resistance soll work as well io Prague and the rest of the Czech Republic as they did 20 years ago. And some of the most worrisome forms of antibiotic resistance, such as vancomycinresistant enterococcus, have never emerged in Czech hospitals.

"We are on an island, you could say, in terms of resistance," says Dr. Anna Jedlickova. "Slovakia and Hungary - all our neighbors are much worse off." Although the Czechs were governed by many of the same health policies that were law in the Soviet Union, the country's microbiologists and physicians historically strived for a more science-based understanding of medicine, though Jedlickova readily admits the effort came gingerly

at first. But they saw the efficacy of streptococcus, the physician was antibiotics - the post-World War II miracle drugs - waning across their nation, she added, and knew hospitals were key sites in the spread of new strains of bacteria.

"In 1968 we had a slogan," Jedlickova recalls. "It is better to be a monster under conditions of totalitarianism than to be angry at the simuuton and simply wait until it is better." The nation's microbiologists, caught up in the spirit of renewal that permeated Czechoslovak life in '68, broke with Soviet policies and set up their own system. They didn't know what the West was doing to control new bacteria infeccions, but they realized the Soviet model was a disaster.

"We tried to read science journals from the West during those years. But I regret that we were closed. We couldn't bave interactions with our colleagues in the West indeed, with the entire science world," Jedlickova said, "The borders of Czechoslovakia were my prison bars." Cut off from the West. the Czechs invented their own unique system, one that appears to have performed beauofully. By law, all uses of antibiotics had to be cleared by a central microbiology lab, such as the enormous one Jedlickova runs at the University Teaching Hospital in Prague.

Physicians were required to submit sputum, blood or infected tissue samples to the laboratory for analysis, where the precise nature of the infection was determined. If, for example, the lab diagnosed

told, "OK, it's strep. Here's a list of three antibiotics we want you to use." Meanwhile, the central laboratory in Prague periodically modified drug-use guidelines according to observed trends in bacterial. mutacions and resistance. The work is done predominantly by women: . microbiology all over Eastern Europe and the ex-USSR has evolved as a women's science, probably reflecting the lower status holds compared with other aspects of medicine.

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Ironically, the entire system nearly toppled after the 1989 Velvet Revolution that overthrew the Czecboslovak Communist dictatorship. "Some doctors thought that anobiotic use policies were unde-mocratic," Jedlickova said. "They wanted to abolish the microbiology centers. But, fortunately, common sense won. Even the opponents to anobiooc centers started to understand that bacteria don't recognize democracy."

Now a new challeoge faces Jedlickova and her fellow microbiologists: free-market medicine. The Czecb government is easing its way out of nationalized medicine into a mixed economy of health care similar to the US sys-; tem. This means private pracoces, managed care, health maintenance organizations and personal health insurance are all swiftly replacing five decades of Soviet-modeled socialized medicine. For the microbiologists, this means loss of

Environment hits men where it hurts

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Ten aren't what they used to be ... at least when it Lcomes to sperm counts. Male fertility is declining faster than anyone thought, according to researchers at the California Department of Health Services. "1 think this study will change the debate about sperm decline from 'if' to 'why," said Shanna Swan, the department's chief of reproductive research who led the study.

The US National Academy of Sciences had asked Swan to write the definitive report on the issue,

which has been controversial since 1992, when researchers at Copenhagen University reported that sperm counts were falling around the world. Their announce-ment caused a flurry of debate, and studies published since have shown conflicting results.

In an interview Swan said that she had found a strong and significant decline in sperm counts in the US and Europe.

The US National Insotutes of Health agreed, saying the analysis of data collected from 1938 to 1990 indicates that sperm densities in the US have shown an average annual decrease of 1.5 million sperm per milliliter of collected sample, or about 1.5 percent per year. Closer to home, sperm counts in European countries have declined at about twice that rate, Although Swan had expected to disprove the Danish theory, after careful analysis, she

changed her mind. She believes the cause is environmental factors, including organic pollutants like pesticides

and industrial chemicals like PCBs. All have been shown to have hormone-like behavior, and like estrogens can either bring out feminine characteristics or work to counteract male bormones. They are found in soil, oceans and food, and they persist in the eovironment for a very long time.

Swan said fertility was obviously not the big issue, as babies were sull being born. "However, sperm count is a marker for resticular cancer, and if the reproductive system is affected, others will be also." A recent report by the Centers for-Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found a doubling in the numbers of cases of hypospadias, a birth defect in which the opening of the penis is not at the end of the organ. Swan said she would also like to study a similarly disturbing trend in girls - early puberty. She cited one study, published in the journal Pediatrics, that found 40 percent of black girls examined in 218 doctors' offices had breast

development by age eight.

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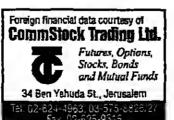
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Dow closes slightly up in seesaw session

Wall Street

Wall Street wrapped up a week of losses io iodecisive trading Friday, as the impact of Asian economic troubles overshadowed

positive inflation news. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.69 points to close at 7,838.30. Trading see-sawed throughout the day, with the index of blue chip stocks rising as much as 55 points and falling as much as 64 points before closing more than 310 points short of last Friday's close. Reports continued to emerge of

companies facing trouble selling in Asia, leading investors to con-tinue the week-long selloff of technology issues amid fears the Asian flu is spreading.

Many investors fled stocks that have taken a battering over the week in favor of bonds, driving

the yield on the 30-year bond to its lowest level since October 93. Non-technology stocks got an early lift after the Labor Department's report on prices paid to producers, which declined in November for the eighth month this year. Prices paid hy wholesalers and others for finished

0.2 percent. Traders took it as news that the Federal Reserve would be less likely to comhat inflation by raising interest rates.

goods fell a seasonally adjusted

While good news for buyers, such deflation also raises economic worries. The inability of producers to increase prices - especially when they're being forced to pay higher wages because of the lowest unemployment rate in 24 years - raises the prospect of a profit squeeze ahead.

At the same time, US companies are faced with increased competition from Asian manufacturers.



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whose products have been made cheaper by sharp currency devalu-

Advancing issues outnumbered advancers by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,479 up, 1,440 down and 526 unchanged.

Europe

European bourses rebounded from the previous day's steep loss-es to stage a mild rally on Friday, ignoring the turmoil in Asian financial markets.

London, Frankfurt and Paris stocks all ended in the plus column after a volatile week and losses of between two and three percent on Thursday. Wall Street opened up 0.5 percent after dropping for four days running, though most of the

gains ebbed away later. Investors on both sides of the Atlantic were encouraged by the latest US producer price figures which showed an unexpected drop in November, staving off

prospects of higher interest rates. German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said on Friday he would hold talks next week with top US officials about the Asian market crisis, and that the topic was also on the agenda of the Group of

overseas Many

appeared to take the view that recent falls made for bargainhunting opportunities. Frankfurt, for instance, ended

floor trade up 1.3%. Many dealers said Thursday's two percent selloff, dragging the index close to the key 4000 point level, was over-

done. Dealers said despite more losses in some Asian markets, the damage there had not been as bad as feared.

In London, Europe's biggest bourse, stocks held some of the day's gains to end up 0.2% as investors chose to look at the more positive signals amid the cloudy

Asian picture. "Stability in Hong Kong and the Nikkei not so bad as it has been, is helping markets hold sensible levels. People are putting their cash to work," said one dealer.

Paris, which plunged 3.5% percent Priday was the weakest performer. French stocks rebounded strongly in the morning but the rally ran out of steam and shares ended barely in the plus column.

Asia

Asian stock markets continued to be battered by fallout from the financial crisis in South Korea, but contrarians enjoyed pointing out rises in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Korea's economic woes tended to dominate sentiment throughout Asia. But some markets had domestic travails of their own, and this included Jakarta, where news that President Suharto had cancelled a trip to Malaysia oext week prompted a currency and

stock market rout. Investors there were perturbed by further warnings from US companies that Asia's problems were having a direct impact oo their bottom lines.

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Dollar rises vs. yen, mark

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The dollar rose broadly against European currencies and the yeo Friday as investors remained skeptical about Japan's economic stimulus plan and a German official said weak Asian markets would affect Europe.

The dollar managed to reverse nearly all of Thursday's losses against the German mark and the Swiss franc as currency dealers began rethinking the impact weak Asian markets might have oo Europe.

European nations' and companies' exposure to Asia's financial problems had been considered to be less than that of the US.

There is no strong demand for marks apart from buying them as a safe haven, and that is waning," said Mike Malpede, senior currency analyst at Refco Group Ltd., explaining why demand for marks ehhed on news that German Finance Minister Theo Waigel would visit Washington next week to discuss Asia.

At the same time, comments from Reimut Jochimsen, a member of Germany's policy-setting central hank council, helped fuel dollar buying.

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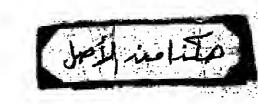
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handed goals in the first period

and John Vanbiesbrouck made 28

saves against his former club as

the Florida Panthers held on for a

4-3 victory over the struggling

David Nemirovsky and ex-

Ranger Terry Carkner also scored

and Chris Wells had two assists

fond Tim Sweeney also tallied for

the Rangers. Pat LaFontaine

assisted on all three goals for New

York, 1-6-4 in its last 11 games. Calgary 3, Colorado 1

In Calgary, Rick Tabaracci stopped 33 shots and Theo Fleury

set up a pair of third-period goals

as the Flames beat the Colorado

Avalanche 3-1 for their third

In Chicago, Chris Gration and

Colin Forbes scored 13 seconds

apart in the third period and the

Philadelphia Flyers held on for a

3-2 victory over the Blackhawks,

0-2-2 on their five-game homes-

San Jose 1, Dallas 0

In Dallas, Kelly Hrudey stopped

24 shots in his 17th career shutout

as the San Jose Sharks blanked the

Stars 1-0, snapping their seven-

Edmonton 3, Detroit 2

with 4:02 to go broke a third-peri-od tie and Bob Essensa stopped 34

shots against his former team as

the Edmonton Oilers edged the

Red Wings 3-2 for their first victo-

ry in the Motor City in four years.

New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 2

scored for the first time in nearly

two months to cap a three-goal

first period and Martin Brodeur

made 29 saves as the Devils

extended their unbeaten streak

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and Tom Barrasso stopped Keith

Tkacbuk's point-blank chance to

overtime as the red-bot Pittsburgb

Penguins rallied for a 2-2 tie with

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scored a season-high 30 points and

Kobe Bryant added a career-high

27 as the Lakers snapped the

Houston Rockets' nine-game win-

Clyde Drexler led the Rockets

with 21 points and Charles

Barkley chipped in 18 and 14

Neither team had its star center,

Houston missing Hakeem Olajuwon and the Lakers,

Boston 97, Washington 88

up three assists shy of his first-career triple-double with 23 points

and 12 rebounds as the Celtics

held the Washington Wizards to

just 10 fourth-quarter points, rally-

In Seattle, Gary Payton and

Hersey Hawkins each scored 21

points as the SuperSonics extend-

ed their home winning streak to

nine games, 111-98 over the

Utah 68, Dallas 66

points as the Jazz beat the Dallas Mavericks for the 21st consecutive

time at home despite the lowest

output in franchise history, 68-66.

Dallas, which is 0-16 all-time at

Utah's previous low was a 72-

point effort against Houston last

Atlanta 83 LA Clippers 74

scored 22 points as the Atlanta

Hawks snapped a three-game los-

ing streak with an \$3-74 victory

over the Clippers, who matched

their lowest output of the season.

Christian Laettner scored 21

points and Tyrone CoRahim

scored 30 points to 1 ead a bal-

anced attack as the Grizzlies

defeated the Golden State

Warriors at bome for the first time,

In Los Angeles, Steve Smith

the Delta Center, last won in Utah

in 1989 at the Salt Palace.

At Utah, Karl Malone scored 23

ing for a 97-88 victory. Seattle 111, Portland 98

Portland Trail Blazers.

In Boston, Antoine Walker came

ning streak, 119-102.

Shaquille O'Neal.

rebounds.

CHARLOTTE, NC (Reuters) -Dell Curry sank a jumper with six seconds remaining and the Charlotte Hornets held off the Chicago Bulls in a furious finish for a 79-77 victory Friday, their third consecutive win.

On Chicago's last possession, Toni Kukoc shot a three-pointer for the win, but his shot bounced off the back of the rim. He momentarily grabbed the caron. but then lost possession as the buzzer sounded.

Gien Rice had 21 points and seven rebounds, Vlade Divac 10 points and Anthony Mason seven boards, six assists and three steals for the Homets, who snapped a four-game losing streak against

We had 14 steals, eight blocks and 32 assists against a championship team tonight. We also held them to below 40 percent (39 percent) shooting," said Charlotte coach Dave Cowens. Indiana 104, Miami 89

In Indiana, Rik Smits scored a season-high 29 points and Reggie Miller added 28 to lead the Pacers to a 104-89 victory over the Miami Heat, who had their season-bigb four-game winning streak stopped.

Antonio Davis tallied 14 points, Dale Davis grabbed 14 rebounds and Mark Jackson handed out a season-high 14 assists for the Pacers, who have won seven of their last nine games.

Indiana shot 52 percent (38-for-73) from the field, including 5-for-9 from three-point range.

Tim Hardaway had 28 points and 10 assists and Jamai Mashburn added 18 points for the Heat, Center Alonzo Mourning, who has not played this season because of a knee injury, is traveling with the team and may return. Saturday at Milwaukee.

LA Lakers 119, Houston 102 At Los Angeles, Rick Fox 95-88.

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Thursday's games: Detroit 103, New Jersey 99; New York 107, Minnesota 103; Orlando 100, Dallas 90; Cleveland 79, Milwankee 77; Phoenix 94, Atlanta 78.

Rangers.

BUFFALO (Reuters) - There a team record with a pair of shortmay be some monkeys running around loose in Buffalo.

Matthew Barnaby scored his first goal in nine months with 14.8 seconds left in overtime as the Buffalo Sabres got their third straight bome win, 3-2 over the Carolina Hurricanes Friday.

"The monkey crawled off my back ... out of the areoa," Barnaby

"There was a whole herd of monkeys leaving the building right there," joked Sabres coach Lindy Ruff.

The Sabres were jeered by the Marine Midland Arena crowd for most of the third period, trailing 2-I and getting off just one shot to Carolina's 17 in the first 17:46 of the frame. Miroslav Satan turned the boos to cheers by scoring the tying goal with 1:38 to play.

With the clock running down in overtime, Richard Smeblik cleared the puck to Barnaby at the red line. He fired a blast from the top of the right faceoff circle past Burke into the top left corner of the oet for his first goal since March 28 and his first career over-

Anaheim 6, Washington 4 In Anaheim, Paul Kariya made a spectacular season debut with two goals and two assists and Teemu Selanne scored twice, including the game-wirmer with 43 secoods left, as the Mighty Ducks rallied for a 6-4 win over the Washington Capitals.

The 23-year-old Kariya, a twotime All-Star, missed the first 32 games due to a contract dispute. Kariya, who also tied a club record with seven shots in the second period, provided a spark to the Mighty Ducks, who were shut out in five of their previous 12 games,

Dmitri Mironov tied an Anaheim club record with four assists as the Ducks overcame a 3-0 deficit to break a five-game win-Florida 4, NY Rangers 3

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Thursday's games: Boston 2, Buffalo 1; St Louis 2, Ottawa 1; Philadelphia 4, NY Islanders 3.

Sabres beat Carolina FA slaps suspended bans as OT clock runs out on Grobbelaar and Segers

LONDON (Reuters) - Goalkeepers Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers on Friday received sixmonth bans from soccer and £10,000 (\$16,500) fines for misconduct, but both penalties were suspended

The two admitted misconduct at a five-hour hearing on Thursday after being charged with breaking English Football Association (FA) rules on betting. The charges followed evidence in a court case

which ended in August with both players, plus former striker John Fashanu and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim, ecquitted on charges of trying to fix premier league matches. Grobbelaar, 40, said he had forecast the results of

matches in which his teams were not involved for a foreign businessman for use in Asia. He did not bei Former Wimbledon goalkeeper Segers, 36, had

admitted giving advice on matches being played in the Netherlands without realising this was in breach of the regulations. The FA disciplinary commission's decision meant both men were clear to resume their careers immedi-

ately and removed the threat of a possible lengthy ban from the sport. Former Liverpool and Zimbebwe goalkeeper Grobbelaar, currently without a club, said that he was happy with the verdict while adding that he

"I shall be continuing with my libel action against one tab old to clear my name once and for all of these matters," he told reporters on the steps of the

His lawyer Davcid Hewitt told reporters that the FA headquarters. FA decision "clearly shows a considerable amount of compassion and understanding" towards the two

FA spokesman Steve Double told reporters that "the commission was in no doubt the misconduct was serious" although neither man bad "fully appreciated" the FA's rules regarding players who assist in

He said both would normally receive a six month ban from all forms of football and a £10,000 fine. However it was noted the men had already suffered heavily in both financial and personal terms,"

The commission considered it would be unfair to said Double. impose a penalty which would take Mr Grobbelaar and Mr Segers out of the game again," be said.

"Therefore both penalties will be suspended for two years from today, only to be imposed if either commits a similar offence within that ome." Each player was also ordered to pay £4,000 towards the costs of the hearing.

Brown strikes key blow as **England** win again

SHARIAH (Reuters) - Paceman Dougie Brown dispatched Brian Lara for a second-ball duck and Graham Thorpe hit a timely 57 as England beat West Indies by four wickets in the Champions' Trophy yesterday.

England squeezed home at 198 for six off 45.5 of their 50 overs after restricting West Indies to 197 for seven, Carl Hooper holding their innings together by stroking exactly 100 oot out With England keeping their nerve

at the end of a tense match to secure their second victory in the four-team tournament, they are the new favorites to lift the Trophy. England made the important

breakthrough in the first over. Brown, the brawny Scot making his England debut in this competi-

tion, got his opening delivery through the gap between Philo Wallace's bat and pad, and two balls later trapped Lara plumb lbw. As Lara trudged off, with West Indies nought for two wickets, it

looked to the jubilant England fielders as if the match was already won. However, Hooper was at his coolest as he carved out a century completed when be trotted for a single off the last ball of the innings. On Friday, West Indies beat Pakistan by 43 runs.

Ketola, Godwin to meet in final of Eilat Challenger Slovakia went down in the sec-

By HEATHER CHAIT

Today's final of the \$50,000 Club Hotel Eilat Challeoger tennis tournament will be an all-foreign event after the last Israeli player, Noam Behr, lost his sentifinal match yesterday. Finland's Thomas Ketola and

Neville Godwin from South Africa will be out to gain the \$7,200 title, as well as the bonus prize of a holiday suite at the hotel worth over \$17,000. This will be the first encounter

between Ketola, ranked 184 in the ATP Tour rankings, and Godwin, (225), who reached the fourth round at Wimbledon last In unusually chilly conditions

for Eilat, Ketola beat Behr 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in just under two hours. Behr's game was the move attractive and daring of the two. but also move ematic and fraught with unforced errors. Ketala stayed at the baseline, presenting a steady pose against both Behr's inconsistency and the partisan

Top seed Dominik Hrbary of Channel 5.

ond semi-final, 5-7, 6-1, 1-6, after appearing to be on his way. to wrapping up the match.
Play began at an even pace,

with each player holding serve Godwin broke Hrbaty's serve and then served out for the first set. Hrbaty cruised through the seo ond set, and in the fourth game of

the final set, a strained tendon his right hand severely hampered his performance, allowing Godwin to seize the advantage. Godwin will be remembered as the player against whom Boris. Becker broke his arm white

receiving serve at Wimbledon in. In Friday's quarter-finals, Behr outlasted Amir Hadad 4-6, 6-3, 6-

4, in the all-Israeli match while Eyal Erlich and Eyal Ran both lost their matches, Erlich to Hrbaty 4-6, 6-1, 3-6, and Ran to Codwin 5-7, 0-6. Ketalo beat second seed Dinu

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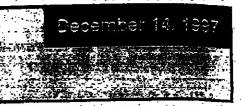
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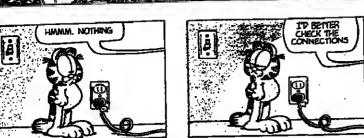
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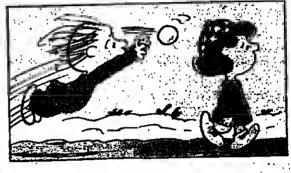






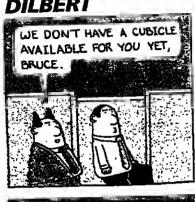












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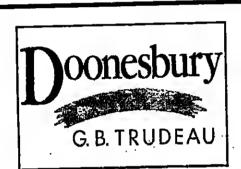
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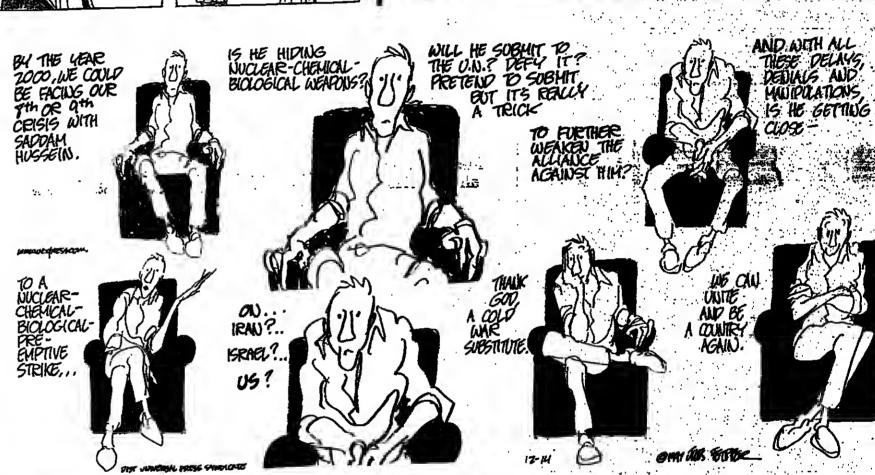


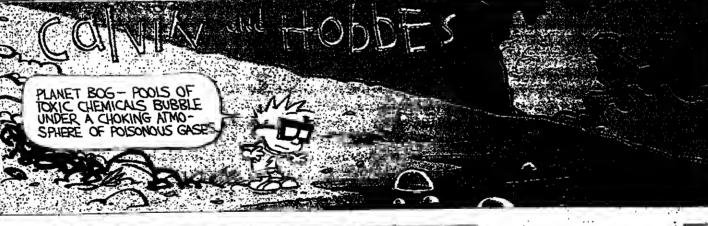




















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'I can,' says Nike

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) -"Just Do It" just isn't doing it for Nike anymore. On New Year's Day, the world's largest athletic shoe manufacturer will introduce a new slogan: "I Can." Even though "Just Do It" isn't being abandoned entirely, the change is seen as a big gamble for a company whose advertising consistently ranks among the most popular and effective in the nation.

But Nike's sales momentum has waned. Fashion trends have moved away from athletic shoes to a more traditional casual look.

And professional sports — to which Nike is inextricably linked - has been shaken this year by a series of criminal assaults, gambling scandals and cases of substance abuse...

The negativism has included persistent criticism of the company's use of cheap. Third World labor to make Nike products.

New Year's eve race to draw thousands

SAO PAULO (AP) — Some 10.000 athletes from around the world will take to the streets of South America's biggest city on New Year's eve to compete in the traditional year-end St. Silvester road race.

At least 10,000 athletes about 8,000 men and 2,000 women - from 15 countries will run in the 15-kilometer (9.3 mile) race today along wide, skyscraper-lined avenues and through the narrow, twisting streets of downtown Sao Paulo.

Competing for a top prize of \$10,000, they will replace the cars, trucks and buses that normally clog and pollute this city of 10 million.

This year's field includes about 300 foreign athletes including the Kenyan athlete Paul Tergat, world record holder for the 10,000 meters.

East beats West in Eurostars contest

By ORI LEWIS

The East team beat the West 129-107 in a blaze of color and fanfare at the FIBA Eurostars basketball extravaganza in Tel Aviv yesterday. The event, which FIBA, international basketball's governing body, inaugurated last year and has modeled on the NBA All-Star game, is intended to highlight the European game.

Although there was no Michael Jordan or Shaquille O'Neal at Yad Eliahu, the atmosphere was no less electric, as the cream of European baskeiball wowed the Tel Aviv fans. In an evening typical of some of the great encoun-

ters seen at Yad Eliahu in previ-ous years, the crowd, with their basketball savvy in evidence. showed their appreciation to all the players.

The event opened with a dancing display by some 350 young-sters, followed by a brief pyrotechnics display and the introduction of both teams. While in the past, the Yad Eliahu cheers have been reserved only for the players of Maccabi Tel Aviv, last night the 10,000 spectators were generous in their applause 10 both sides. Apart from the show and promotional element, the game was of Maccabi Tel Aviv had three representatives on the East squad: Rashard Griffith, Oded Katash and Nadav Henefeld.

The two teams kept level until 3:30 in the first quarter when East coach Dusan Ivkovic replaced Dino Radja and Arturas Kamishovas with Henefeld and Griffith, at which point the East pulled away to a 41-36 first-quarter lead. By the half, the lead had grown to 73-53, with Karnishovas leading the way with 17 points. For the West, three players led the halfway stage with eight points: Pedrag Danilovic, Aleksandar Djorjevic and Wendell Alexis.

The game became a more sub-

dued affair in the second half. By the third quarter, the East bad a 100-86 lead and in the final period, it was clear that the West could not catch up, despite some very accurate shooting from

Djorjevic. Arturas Karnishovas was named the game's MVP; and Djorjevic won the three-point shooting com-petition at halftime, ahead of Guy Goodes, the Maccabi player who is currently with Caserta of the Italian second division.

High scorers for the West: Aleksandr Djorjevic Vladimir Stepania 18, Predrag Danilovic 13, East: Arturas Karnishovas 19,

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Woods, Hingis voted as top athletes of 1997

Woods has a smile that won the hearts of even non-golf fans and a game that matched outlandish

hype.
With that combination, he pushed his sport to unprecedented popularity in 1997 and became one of the most talked about personalities in the world.

Woods, whose success on the course - where he won five times and set the PGA Tour single-season money record - matched his social and economic impact off it. yesterday became the first golfer voted Male Athlete of the Year by The AP in 26 years.

The athletes were chosen by a panel of US print and broadcast reporters.

The award came as a birthday present for Woods, who turned 22 yesterday.

"I thought I bad a good year, but never expected this," said Woods, whose record-shanering victory in the Masters last April was also voted sports Story of the Year by the AP.

Woods was the first golfer to be honored as Male Athlete of the Year by the AP since Lee Trevino in 1971 and is only the fifth golfer to receive the award since it was instituted in 1931.

He joins Gene Sarazen (1932), Byron Nelson (1944-45), Ben Hogan (1953) and Trevino in receiving the award. It is an honor never won by Jack Nicklaus or Amold Palmer.

Woods finished with 231 points in the voting to easily outdistance the NFL's Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders, who had 100 points, and boxer Evander Holyfield, third with 98 points. Sanders joined Eric Dickerson

and O.J. Simpson this year as the

only NFL players to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season. Holyfield lost a piece of his ear, but retained the WBA heavyweight title in June when Mike Tyson was disqualified for biting

him twice. Rounding out the top-five vote getters were the NBA's Michael Jordan and the NFL's Brett Favre. Basebailer Ken Griffey Jr. was sixth, followed by auto racer Jeff Gordon, baseballer Roger Clemens and Mark McGwire and ice hockey star Mario Lemieux. Woods likely won the award as



for the dramatic, aggressive style for heads of state. of play and ethnic mix in an overwhelmingly white game made him an almost unbelievable marketing

And he was the equal of the hype. Woods won the opening tournament of the year in dramatic fashion when he nearly made a hole-in-one on the first playoff hole at the Mercedes Championships in January.

He then took the Asian Honda Classic the next month in Thailand, his mother Tida's home-

performance. His enthusiasm, flair live TV coverage usually reserved award shouldn't come as a sur-

His victory at the Masters in April was by a record-shattering 12 strokes and took on added social significance that put golf on the front pages because Woods not only became the first non-white to win a major golf championship but also did h at Augusta National Golf Club, a virtual symbol of racial separation in the sport. Woods' father is black and his

mother is from Thailand. Martina Hingis That Martina Hingis won The

After all, she captured just about everything else in 1997. "1997 was a dream come true for me," the 17-year-old tennis diva said from her home in Switzerland. I still sometimes

can't even believe it." She won the Australian Open in January, then followed up with victories at Wimbledon and the US Open, three of the four tournaments that make up the Grand Slam. In the fourth one, the French Open in June, she suffered her first

The Paris defeat came after she underwent knee surgery after she fell from a horse for the second time in the year. An earlier fall in Australia didn't hamper her march to the year's first Grand Slam tournament crown.

Hingis was chosen with 92 firstplace votes and a total of 363 points. Golfer Annika Sorenstam finished second with 20 first-place votes and 178 points.

Soccer player Mia Hamm was third with nine first-place votes

Chamique Holdsclaw received 8 first-place votes and 69 points. Basketball player Cynthia Cooper was fifth with 67 points.

Rounding out the top 10 were figure skater Tara Lipinski (66 points), track and field star Marion Jones (35), boxer Christy Martin (34), tennis player Venus Williams (25) and figure skater Michelle Kwan (22)..

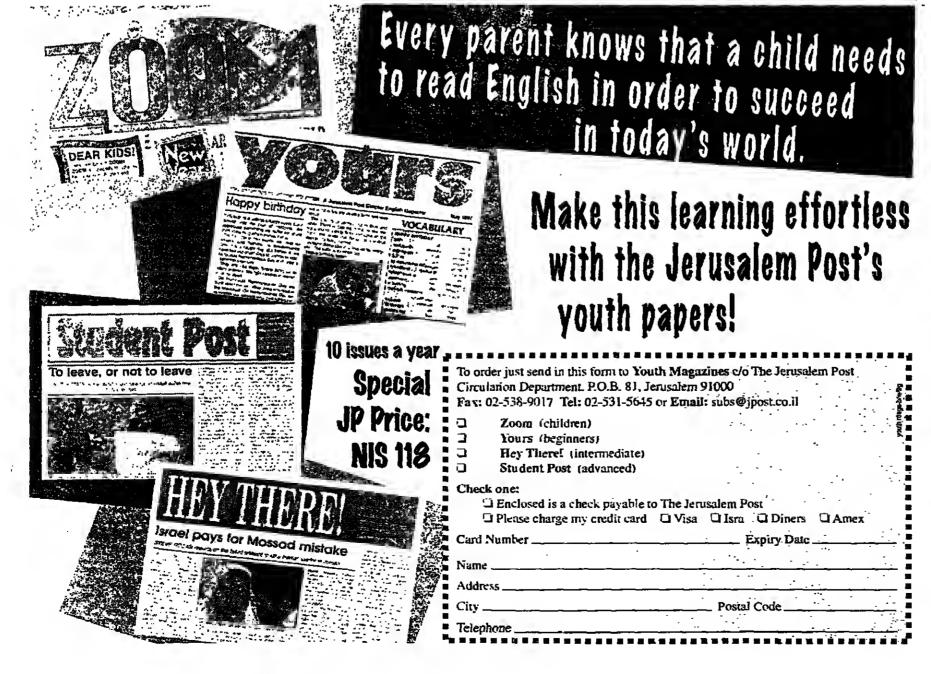
Trained to be a champion from birth, Hingis was named after tennis star Martina Navratilova. And in 1996, Hingis had the kind of year Navratilova had in 1983. winning the Australian, Wimbledon and the US Open, stumbling only in the fourth round at the French Open. Hingis fin-ished this year with a 75-5 record, won 12 titles and earned \$3.4m exclusive of endorsements.

Vivacious and nearly always smiling, on and off the court. Hingis showed both a free spirit and a fiery tenacious will to win-When she wasn't riding horses. she would be rollerblading through a park alongside her mother and coach, Melanie Molitor, both of them unconcerned about potential injury. When Hingis hurt her knee before the French Open, she proudly spoke of going through the surgery, saying that now she could really say that she's an ath-

No doubt Hingis benefited from the absence of injured Steffi Graf most of the year, and the inability of former No. 1 Monica Seles to regain her form and confidence after a series of injuries. But whenever that fortuitous absence of top competition was pointed out to her, Hingis confidently responded that she was on the rise and their time was passing any-

Indeed, Hingis became the youngest winner of the Australian, the youngest at Wimbledon in 110 years and the second-youngest winner of the US Open after Tracy Austin in 1979.

Hingis, who grew an inch and put on 15 pounds during the year to reach 5-foot-7 (170 cms), 130 pounds (59 kg), said her two most significant matches came in the French semifinals against Seles and the US Open final against



Former soccer great Finney knighted by Queen Elizabeth

LONDON (AP) — Former England winger Tom Finney is to be knighted and fiery Welsb striker Mark Hughes gets the MBE in the New Year's Honors List, announced yesterday by Queen Elizabeth II. Often outspoken racehorse trainer Jenny Pitman, the only woman to

have trained a Grand National winner, and Martin Johnson, the lock forward who led the British Lions to a series victory in South Africa in the summer, both will receive the OBE. Tessa Sanderson, the 1984 Olympic javelin champion who appeared

in her sixth games in Atlanta last year having first competed in Moscow in 1980, receives the more prestigious OBE to go with the MBE she received in 1985. Jack Rowell, who stepped down as England's rugby union coach after

leading the team to a Five Nations Championship Grand Slam, three Triple Crowns and a World Cup semifinal, gets the OBE while Scottish international coelleges. First Leichter tional goalkeeper Jim Leighton, set to play in next year's World Cup just short of his 40th birthday, receives the MBE. Finney, now in his mid-70s, stayed loyal to his team, Preston North End, during an illustrious 13-year career which ended in 1959 after

scoring 187 goals in 431 League games and 30 goals for England in Hughes, who made his name with Manchester United and also played in

Spain for Barcelona, won four FA Cup winners medals, the latest with his current club, Chelsea, last season. The OBE also goes to Squadron Leader Andy Green, who drove the Thrust supersonic car to a world land-speed record 763.035 mph (1.227.9 kph) or Mach 1.02 in Nevada's Black Rock Desert in October, .02 faster

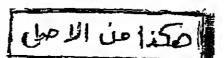
than the speed of sound. Peter Goss, a racing sailor who turned back in heavy seas during a round-the-world yacht race to rescue fellow competitor Raphael Dinelli of France, also receives the OBE.

Although knighted for his music, Elton John is also owner of Watford soccer club of the second division.

Weah under the knife

MILAN (Reuters) - Former world soccer player of the year George Weah had successful surgery in Milan yesterday for a

The AC Milan striker is expect-ed to be out of action for about two months after the operation for the injury between the fourth and fifth vertebrae of bis back.



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Giants clinch playoff berth, beat Redskins 30-10

EAST RUTHERFORD NJ (AP) - Jason Schorn scored on a 35-yard interception return and the defense forced six turnovers last night, leading New York to a 30-10 victory over Washington and sending the Giants back to the NFL playoffs for the first time in four years.

The performance highlighted a season that saw coach Jim Fassel. a noted quarterback guru, lead a team that finished last under Dan Reeves in 1996 to an improbable title that began with losses of three of the first four games.

The victory guaranteed the Giants (9-5-1) a home game in the first round of the playoffs in two weeks. It also put Washington (7-7-1) in a situation where it must beat Philadelphia at home next week and then get help to make the playoffs.

Charles Way, bypassed in the Pro Bowl selections last week, scored on a 15-yard run, Danny Kaneli threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Chris Calloway and Brad Daluiso kicked three field goals for the Giants, who got only one sustained drive from their offense.

The Redskins virtually handed the Giants the game, and there was little former Giants quarterback Jeff Hostetler could do to turn things around.

A fumble by halfback Stephen Davis and a mishandled snap by punter Matt Turk helped the Giants take a 17-0 first-quarter

Hostetler, who took over for an injured Phil. Simms in 1990 and led the Giants to a Super Bowl, briefly got Washington back into the game with a 41-yard touchdown pass to Albert Connell, cutting the lead to 20-10 early in the third quarter.

However, the defense stepped in front of his passes the rest of the way and or fell on loose ball when Washington put them on the ground. Seliom provided the final blow with his foorth-quarter return, his second interception of



Chelsea's Michael Dubery slides beneath the feet of Leeds United's Boh Wallace as Chelsea's Frank Leboeuf (left) and Alf-Inge Haaland (right) move in to the action. Haaland was sent off for leaving his foot in the way as Dubery slid through. (AP)

ne-man Leeds put brakes on Chelsea

LONDON (Reuters) - Chelsea's championship aspirations were seriously undermined yesterday when they were held 0-0 at home by nineman Leeds

The Londoners, scorers of 10 goals in their previous two games, could have gone level on points with leaders Manchester United with a win but never looked like capitalizing even though Leeds had Alf-Inge Haaland and Gary Kelly sent off in a stormy first half.

Blackburn, who came from behind to win 3-1 at Arsenal, go above Chelsea into second place on 36 points - one behind Manchester United, who play Aston Villa tomorrow. Chelsea have 35 and Leeds move up to-fourth on 31 .- --

Leeds may have been inspired by the pre-march minute's silence for their former captain Billy Bremner, Certainly the fiery Scot would have approved of the "take no prisoners" approach of George Graham's team - although referee Graham Poll was not impressed.

By balftime he had sent off Haaland and Kelly and booked six others - three from each side - after 45 minutes of wild tackling but precious little football. After that, Leeds shut up shop and

Chelsea only looked like breaking through in the final moments. "We didn't have enough quality to

break through today," said Chelsea coach Rund Gullit. "We could have played for another 90 minutes and not scored." Leeds boss George Graham was

delighted with the point and his team's battling second-half rearguard but less impressed with the diving out there today and I think it's sive victories. Southampte

Arsenal went ahead through Marc Overmars at Highbury but defensive blunders allowed Jason Wilcox and Kevin Gallacher to put Blackburn 2-1 up. Tim Sherwood hit the third for the visitors a minute from time.

Arsenal, who have lost four of their last six league games, are now down to fifth, seven points adrift of the leaders.

Liverpool won 3-0 at Crystal Palace with goals by Steve McManaman, Michael Owen and Oyvind Leonhardsen - to leave the London side still searching for their first home win of the season after eight attempts

Striker Paul Kitson, back after three months out injured, gave West Ham a 1-0 victory over Sheffield

Southampton had the opposite form - four successive defeats - and also ended it with a 2-1 home win over Leicester City. Tottenham Hotspur's troubles con-

tinued with a 4-0 thrashing at

Coventry. Christian Gross's team, now having leaked 10 goals in two games, are firmly entrenched in the relegation zone. So too are Everton, who drew 0-0

at home with Wimbledon, and bottom club Barnsley, who shared four goals at home with Newcastle.

Bolton play Derby today.

Premier league: Arsenal I. Blackburn
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Chelsea 0, Leeds 0; Coventry 4, Tottenham
Hotspur 0; Crystal Palace 0, Liverpool 3:
Everton 0, Wimbledon 0; Soluhampan 2;

City 1; Bradford 1, Bury 0; Charlton 1, Port Vale 0; Huddersfield 1, Norwich 3; Inswich 2, Portsmouth 0; Middlesbrough 4, Reading 0; Sheffield United 2, Swindon 1; Stockport 3, Trammer 1; Stock 0, Crewe 2; Sunderland 2, West Bromwich Albion 0; Oxford 3, Queens Park Rangers 1.
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Division two: Brentford 3, Alackpool 1; Bamley 0, Wigan 2; Carlisle 2, Fulham 0; Chesterfield 0, Luton 0; Gillingham 1. Southend 2; Plymouth 3, Millwall 0; Preston 1, Northampton 0; Walsall 2, Bournemouth 1; Warford 1, Bristol City 1; Wycombe 2, Oldham 1; York 1, Wrestham 0; Bristol Rovers 0, Grimsby 4.
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Division three Barnet 3, Macclesfield I; Cardiff 0, Peterborough 0; Chester 2, Darliagton 1; Hall 3, Colchester I; Lincoln City 1, Hartlepool 1; Mansfield 1, Brighton 1; Nots County 5, Doneaster 2; Rochdale 3, Swanses 0; Rotherham 0, Torquay 1; Scanthorpe 1, Scarborough 3; Sheewsbury 1, Leyton Orient 2; Cambridge 2, Exeter 1. Scottish premiers Celtic 1, Hearts 0; Dunfermline 0; Rangers 0; Hibermins 2, Abenders 2; Motherwell I; Dandee Infilled 0; eyton Oriem.
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Hap TA keep up leaders

By AMMANJAH de VRIES

This weekend's soccer action ended with Betar Jerusalem still at the top of the National League and Hapoel Tel Aviv holding on to sec-

Betar stayed in the lead after a 5-2 win over bottom of the table Hapoel Bet She'an. The win, however, was far less convinving than the scoreline suggests (see story below). Tel Aviv, too, did not look like champion material during their 1-0 win over a player-depleted fourth-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva.

Next week's Toto prize is expected to stand around NIS20 million after no one won yet again this week.

In an uninspired match, Macabi Petah Tikva beat Macabi Tel Aviv 1-0. The goal came ten minutes from time. Petah Tikva's Idan Tal who blasted the ball in with his left foot from some 25 meters out straight into the back of th net. Tel Aviv had some good chances during the first half, including some shots on goal,

but ended up losing once again.

The angry and disapointed fans shouted for Tel Aviv coach Avraham

Grant to quit.

Hap. PT 0, Hap. Tel Aviv 1

Tel Aviv's Hapoel counterparts had better luck, however, beating Petah Tikva's Hapoel side 1-0. In this match also the goal came towards the end - in the 79th minute. In the first half, Tel Aviv had two excellent scoring opportunities, both of which were only just cleared by Petah Tikva defenders. In the 32nd minute, Petah Tikva goalkeeper Shai Hess came springing out of the goal into a crowded penalty area to punch away a cross, landing on his side amongst the players' feet. The ensuing rebound shot by Shalom Tikva was only kept clear by a quick thinking Alon Cohen, the Petah Tikva defender headed Tikva's shot on the open goal away off the goal line. Then five minutes to the half Hess again made the same mistake, this time leaving his defender Han Shamir to clear the ball off the line in the nick of time.

The rest of the time the match was extremely uneventful.

Without their star playmakers Eli Abarabanel and Manor Hassan, Petah Tikva just couldn't get anything going. Tel Aviv, for their part found themselves constantly off-side and lacking the finishing required. But with 11 minutes left, Shalom

Tikva placed an excellently-timed pass at the feet of Kfir Udi, who managed to stay on side. Beating out defender Gabor Marton, Udi cut to Elimelech and put a shot neatly past him into the goal.

National League: Hapoel Kfar Sava 2, Ironi shdod 2: Maccabi Tel Aviv 0 Maccabi Petah ASBOOG 2: Maccabi Tel Aviv O Maccabi Petah Tileva I; Betar Jerusalem 5 Happel Beit She'an 2: Happel Haifa I, Buei Yehnda O; Ironi Rishon Lezion I, Maccabi Haifa 2: Happel Beersheba I, Happel Jerusalem I; Happel Ashkelon O, Maccabi Herzliya O, Happel Petah Tikva O, Happel Tel Aviv I.

Second Division: Hapoel Lod 0, Betar Tel Aviv 1; Hapoel Bat Yam 2, Maccabi Kiryat Gat 3; Hapoel Ramat Gao I, Boei Sukinin 1; Maccabi Netanya 3, Ness Ziona 2; Maccabi Acre I, Hakoah Ramat Gan 3; Zafirim Holou 0, Hapoel Taiba 1; Maccabi Jaffa 3, Maccabi Kafr Kana 1; Hapoel Ashdod 2, Maccabi Yavne 1.

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behavior of some of the Chelsea Wednesday to bring to an end the who died of a heart attack last Sunday. team. There were a lot of players Yorkshire club's run of four succes-Betar unimpressive despite 5-2 rout of Beit She'an

By DEREK FATTAL

Jeruslem's win was far from being a walkover. At the end of the first half the

te the 3-2 scoreune, bet Part of the reason was poor Brack where Nir Sivilia and Shai Holtzman tended to get in each other's way. Istvan Pishont opened Betar's goal tally with a diving head-

Jerusalem players were booed off er that completed suprised the Beit She'an defense in just the third minute, but naive tactics left Betar's back line continuously exposed, and it came as no shock when Croatian raider Zalkov Adic leveled the scores in the 27th minute with a goal for Beit She'an.

Betar began to adopt a more planned approach in the game and their effort paid off with Yossi Abuksis storming through to put Betar back in the lead in the 43rd straight after the interval thanks to an cellent cross into Eitan Mizrahi.

The Jordan Valley side refused to give up and a neat wall pass set up Adic's second goal of the game in the 67th minute. This prompted Abuksis to enter into the fray again and his fearsome 78th-minute drive powered into Meir Cohen's goal to give Betar a 4-2 lead. A minute later Betar clinched their fifth goal as Tomer Azulai was given a free header that he directed into goal for a near repeat of Pishont's opener.

Hap. Haifa I, Boei Yehuda 0 The reds continue to snap at the heels of the leaders thanks to a late winner supplied by captain Ran

the pitch despite going into the minute. Istvan Hamar made it 3-1 Ben-Shimon who rose above the Alon Mizrahi headed in the goal that Buei Yehuda defense to head the ball mattered, leaving the Rishon chair-Ironi Risbou 1, Mac. Haifa 2

The Haifaites managed to get back on the winning track after successive losses to Betar Jerusalem and Hapoel Haifa, and so avoided falling further behind the leading trio who all posted victories. Maccabi started brightly with

Haim Silvas plundering a 7thminute from a freak rebound, but then faded allowing Danny Albert to equalize from a 45th minute free kick. Giora Spiegel's men dominated the second half but found it difficult to break down Rishon's packed defense. The deserved winner came three minutes into injury time when Eitan Tabrizi for adding what he felt was an excessive injury time. Beersbeba 1, Hap. Jerusalem 1

Some 5,000 Beersheba fans drew some further comfort from Eliabu Ofer's second game at the southerners' helm as his side claimed another important point in the long battle against relegation. Beersheba went ahead in the 26th minute through an Amir Avigdor shot that was deflected by Jerusalem's Dudi Stolper into his own goal. Lack of fitness began to tell during the second half as the hosts faded and Jerusalem levelled with an excellent curved free kick struck from 16 meters by Laslo Cze.



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